

# 20th Anniversary Celebration of the New Bedford Folk Festival, July 4-5, 2015



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The New Bedford Folk Festival will celebrate its milestone 20th Anniversary from Saturday July 4 through Sunday July 5, 2015 with an impressive lineup of the best in contemporary, Americana, traditional, blues and Celtic folk music. Folk icon Tom Rush and Grammy Award winner John Hammond, are joined by over 50 performers and groups including Susan Werner, Patty Larkin, Catie Curtis, The Nields, Peter Mulvey, Vance Gilbert, The Boxcar Lilies, the Welsh group Calan, folk and jazz fiddler Jeremy Kittel and many more. The festival runs from 11 am to 9 pm both days and is located in the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and the Whaling National Historical Park in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The New Bedford Folk Festival has seven stages in and around the National Park that range from the 1200 seat Zeiterion Performing Arts Center to the intimacy of the "Meet the Performer" area. Performers are presented in concerts and in the popular festival "workshops" which feature 3 or 4 performers or groups on stage at the same time in one-time, unique musical shows. The festival also features a high

quality crafts show with over ninety juried, handmade crafts for sale at affordable prices. Food will also be available including the justifiably world famous New Bedford landed fish and scallops.

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*Some old friends, some new friends and a few surprises. Organizers want to make this the best festival yet!*

The lineup of performers is: Benoit Bourque, The Boxcar Lilies, Calan, The Gerry Colvin Trio, Catie Curtis, Jeff Davis, Tim Eriksen and Zoe Darrow, Beppe Gambetta, Vance Gilbert, Seth Glier, Raymond Gonzalez, Martin Grosswendt, John Hammond, Kim and Reggie Harris, David Jacobs-Strain, James Keelaghan, Pete and Maura Kennedy, Jeremy Kittel and Joshua Pinkham, The Yves Lambert Trio, Jack Landrón, Patty Larkin, Jez Lowe, Troy MacGillivray and Kimberley Fraser, Danielle Miraglia, Peter Mulvey, The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chanty Chorus, The Nields, Chris Pahud, John Roberts, Jane Rothfield

and Allan Carr, Tom Rush, Claudia Russell and Bruce Kaplan, Art Tebbetts, Hiroya Tsukamoto, Susan Werner. All performers are subject to change.

A limited number of Special VIP Weekend Passes with benefits are available by advance purchase only. A regular Weekend Admission purchased in advance online is \$20; \$15 by purchasing in person at the New Bedford Whaling Museum or the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center. Prices during festival weekend are \$20 a day/\$25 Weekend Admission/\$15 Student Weekend Admission with student ID. Children under 12 are free.

VIP Weekend Passes and Weekend admissions can be purchased [here](#).

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Community Partners with the New Bedford Folk Festival are The City of New Bedford, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Economic Development Council and Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts. The New Bedford Folk Festival is supported in part by grants from the Cultural Councils of New Bedford, Marion and Dartmouth, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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