



44th Annual Middlebury Festival on-the-Green July 9-15, 2023

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Saturday, July 8, 2023 (Pre-Festival Event)

9:00 AM St. Stephen's Peasant Market ... ststephensmidd.org

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Sunday, July 9, 2023

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7:00 PM The Durham County Poets ... durhamcountypoets.com

Durham County Poets, a Canadian blues band, grew out of the lively music scene in Ormstown, Québec. The five seasoned musicians, all of whom are also songwriters, work together individually and collaboratively in composing their music. Delving into various styles and genres, their musical influences include a broad range of artists from The Band to Dire Straits and James Taylor to Muddy Waters. They weave it all together to create their own musical style. As Nate Dow from the Fallout Shelter in Massachusetts said, "Lead singer Kevin Harvey and his band are sonic shapeshifters of the first order. Whether it's blues, folk, soul, country, gospel, or New Orleans swing, they purvey it with skill, aplomb and pure honesty." The obvious joie de vivre they express in performance is reflected in the excellent time feel the band creates, captivating audiences consistently since their inception in 2011.

Monday, July 10, 2023

*Generous support from Berkshire Hathaway Home Services-Vermont Realty Group,
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7:00 PM The Faux Paws ... thefauxpawsmusic.com

From raging fiddle tunes, to saxophone solos and unrequited love songs, the music of The Faux Paws would be hard to pin down with standard genre descriptions. The trio's contagious groove, and feel-good melting-pot folk music has been honed over ten years of playing together, and is the sound of three close friends (two of whom happen to be brothers), who feel a musical kinship that transcends any stylistic limitations. Now, after nearly a decade of music making, the bi-coastal trio are releasing their self-titled debut album – *The Faux Paws*.

8:30 PM Kyshona ... kyshona.com

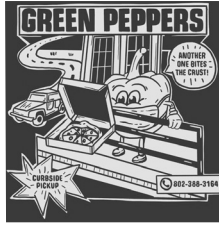
Kyshona blends roots, rock, R&B, and folk with lyrical prowess. She is an artist ignited by untold stories, and the capacity of those stories to thread connection in every community. With the background of a licensed music therapist, the curiosity of a writer, the resolve of an activist, and the voice of a singer, Kyshona is unrelenting in her pursuit for the healing power of song. Kyshona blends roots, rock, R&B, and folk with lyrical prowess. She is both a sought after collaborative vocalist working with artists like Margo Price and Adia Victoria, and a burgeoning performer in her own right whose 2020 release, Listen, was voted Best Protest Album of 2020 by *Nashville Scene*.



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Monday, July 10, 2023

Magician Tom Verner with La Fleur ... magicianswithoutborders.com

Tom Verner is a national treasure living right here in Addison County. His Magicians Without Borders performs magic shows for children in refugee camps, orphanages, and hospitals around the world – often in war-torn places like Ukraine where love, laughter, and magic are desperately needed. Tom says, “I like to think that the magic brings not only laughter and surprise, but – on some deeper level perhaps – magic plants seeds of hope. Hope that the impossible is possible. Hope that after years of waiting in refugee camps, the waiting will end, and the people will go home again.” Since 2002, Tom Verner and Janet Fredericks, as his assistant La Fleur, have traveled to over 30 countries using magic to entertain, educate and empower. Tom and La Fleur will be joined by 11-year-old Ezra the Magician.

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Robert Rivest, Comic Mime ... robertrivest.com

Robert Rivest’s 20-year career as a master mime performer, comic actor, and improv artist demonstrate how laughter is the best medicine. Through humorous mime stories, physical comedy, and a zany cast of characters, Robert Rivest transforms an empty stage into pure hilarity! His true gift is his ability to turn everyday situations into hysterically funny experiences that all ages can relate to! Robert’s engaging stories bring bursts of laughter and tears of joy! This is an interactive cultural arts comedy event that you will never forget. Everyone gets to learn how to do the Wall, Robot, Tug-of-War, and many Classic Mime Illusions. A fun way to bring the whole community together through smiles, giggles, and roaring laughter.

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

No Strings Marionette Company ... creativeground.org/profile/no-strings-marionette-company

No Strings Marionette Company has been an anticipated part of the Festival for years. Puppeteers Dan Baginski and Barbara Paulson’s traveling stage transforms any space into an intimate theater where the seamless blend of movement, music, and masterful manipulation captivates young and old alike. With puppeteers in full view, the audience sees how the puppets are brought to life. These Vermont artisans lovingly hand craft the marionettes, props, and scenery, whether for an original tale or an adaptation of a classic. Shows begin with an interactive song featuring audience members, and finish with demonstrations sparked by the audiences’ curious questions. Once the mind believes there are no strings...this realm becomes real...and the adventure begins! This year they will present the classic tale of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Vermont Troubadour Jon Gailmor ... jongailmor.com

Jon Gailmor is a genuine, Vermont original and self-proclaimed singer, songwriter, performer, educator, and optimist. Jon has appeared at the Festival for over 25 years! Humor and audience involvement are integral parts of any Jon Gailmor performance. Original, relevant, irreverent, children’s, American, international, and totally absurd tunes are part of his broad repertoire. A fan from Edmonds, WA, said it best: “*Jon’s way with an audience is nothing short of genius. He had us in stitches and in tears, with a seamless array of humor, nostalgia, and especially wisdom. One comes away from Jon’s house concerts with a renewed dedication to the things we value. We are all encouraged to be a little more of who we are when we’re with Jon.*”

Friday, July 14, 2023

Middlebury Community Music Center’s Steel Drum Camp Band ... www.mcmcv.org

The faculty, staff, and board of Middlebury Community Music Center believe that expressing the universal language of music strengthens individuals, relationships, and community. This 501(c)3 non-profit organization offers year-round music lessons in 24 instruments and voice, classes, camps, and workshops for all ages. Through drumming and singing, campers will present Caribbean music and culture. Working together as an ensemble, led by camp director Jen Cohen, these young musicians will create their own musical production on steel drums from Trinidad.

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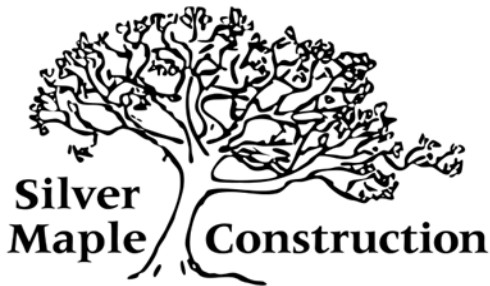
7:00 PM Yacouba Sissoko Trio ... yacousiskora.com

Master kora player Yacouba Sissoko devotes his musical gift to expand the awareness of West African history and culture, spread the word of peace, and empower his listeners to take charge and realize their imagined futures. His performances have a magical effect on audiences as he skillfully transforms traditional songs and stories that he learned from his forefathers into modern day messages of peace, love, and harmony. His flexible virtuosity, which enables him to move seamlessly from one musical genre to another, has attracted the attention of an array of musicians who have sought him out as a collaborator. All the while, Yacouba exposes new audiences to the enchanting sounds of the kora – a 21-stringed instrument that is plucked and produces a distinctive sound that is quickly associated with West Africa. Rooted to give back to the community, Yacouba regularly performs cultural programs and benefit concerts

8:30 PM Bombajazzeando ... pentanglearts.org/event/bombajazzeando

Bombajazzeando is *corazón y alma*, heart and soul: the joyous bomba drumming and dancing of Puerto Rico, plus the soulfulness of jazz. Three dancers, four drummers, and five jazz musicians create a big sound that bursts through stylistic boundaries. The band is lively and interactive, teaching the audience song choruses and traditional bomba dance moves. Based in the large Puerto Rican community of northwestern Massachusetts, Bombajazzeando is led by dancer Brendalíz Cepeda, drummer Saúl Peñalosa, and composer/arranger Julian Gerstin. Brendalíz is the granddaughter of Rafael Cepeda, the most important bomba musician of the late 20th century. She started dancing with him at the age of five, and has held hundreds of workshops teaching her island's heritage. For the Puerto Rican and North American members of the group alike, it's all about connection: tradition and creativity, island and mainland, musicians and audience.

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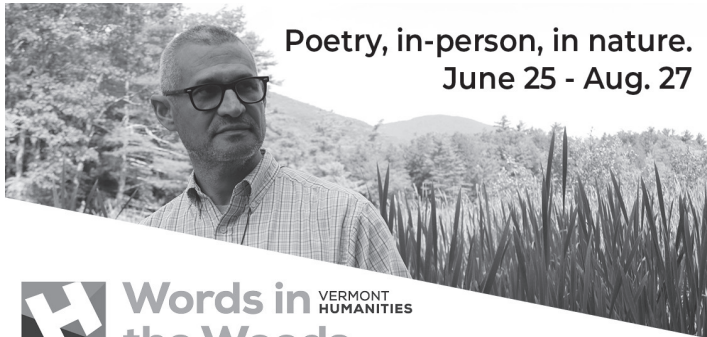
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Wednesday, July 12, 2023

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Two-set night

7:00 PM The Garifuna Collective ... garifunacollective.com

The Garifuna Collective consists of the best musicians in the fertile Garifuna music scene. They bring together the deep cultural roots of Garifuna music, mixed with modern grooves, arrangements, and instruments like the unique hand drums, the “primera” and “segunda,” turtle shells and jawbones, guitars and bass. The musicians create a powerful energy on stage, building hypnotizing rhythms that form the backbone for the haunting melodies and powerful vocals that characterize the project. The Garifuna are the Afro-Amerindians of Central America, the descendants of a group of West African slaves who were shipwrecked off the coast of St. Vincent in the 1600s. They live in small communities in places like Belize, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Honduras, along the Caribbean coast. And their music is an extraordinary blend that layers soulful indigenous and African rhythms with sweet, lyrical melodies. “The complex rhythms demand attention and quickly resolve themselves into a completely irresistible groove. When the melodies kick in on top of them, the lushness is overwhelming.” – *The Wall Street Journal*

The Festival is an all-volunteer organization; 100% of your donation helps underwrite the cost of putting on the show! Please be generous when we pass the “hat” during the break.

Throughout the week, we’ll be doing periodic free raffles. By completing an audience survey card, and including your contact information, you’ll automatically be entered in these drawings.



Important Information and Festival Notes

- All Festival events take place rain or shine. Check the bulletin board and listen to local radio stations for updated info.
- A Festival Emergency Plan is posted at various spots around the Green. Volunteers will be available at each performance to assist with evacuation in the event of an emergency or severe storm activity.
- Middlebury Town Ordinance prohibits possession of open containers holding alcoholic beverages on Town property. As a condition of our permit, we must inform event guests that the use of tobacco or tobacco products is prohibited.
- “If You See Something, Say Something™” is a simple and effective program to raise public awareness and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement authorities. If you see something suspicious taking place, report that behavior or activity to a Festival volunteer or to local law enforcement. If you notice unattended bags, backpacks or containers, please alert a Festival volunteer. In the case of emergency, call 911.
- The Village Green is wheelchair accessible. Accessible parking spots are marked. Designated accessible seating is available under the tent and will be held for 15 minutes after the start of performances. Large-print programs are available upon request. Festival volunteers will be on hand at all events to assist patrons with accessibility needs.
- Seating under the tent is available on a first-come, first-served basis. We discourage seat-saving. If you wish to save seats, your party must be in their seats by 10 minutes prior to the start of the performance. Otherwise, items on seats will be removed and held for you to pick up from Festival staff.
- Festival T-shirts will be on sale at the Information Table. Visit our Performer Merchandise Boutique in the gazebo.
- You can support the Festival by purchasing tickets for our 2023 raffle. The list of prizes appears elsewhere in the program. We accept cash, check, PayPal, and Venmo @FOG43.
- Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance alumni and Mexico in Vermont are on site to provide concessions during evening events.
- Middlebury Community Television volunteers will be recording performances which can be viewed throughout the year at middleburycommunitytv.org.
- Let’s keep Vermont and the Village Green beautiful! Please deposit trash and recyclables in appropriate containers provided by Casella Waste Management and the Addison County Solid Waste Management District. Special thanks to the Waste Warriors!
- Standard and accessible portable toilets are located on the Merchants Row side of the Green.
- Parents: Please encourage youngsters playing on the Green to keep voices and activities at a moderate level out of courtesy to performers and fellow audience members. We ask that you keep young children within your view for safety purposes.
- Please keep pets on a leash and bring your pooper scooper.
- We always welcome your feedback. Please speak with any member of the Festival committee if you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help plan next year’s event.

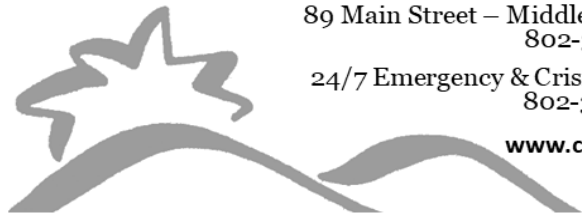
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Support the 2023 Festival on-the-Green Raffle

This year, we are raffling three “Pamper Packages” featuring products and services donated by these generous individuals and businesses. Each gift basket, valued at approximately \$400, will include items from multiple donors on the list. Tickets: \$5 each; 3 for \$10; 7 for \$20. Cash, check, PayPal and Venmo @FOG43 accepted.

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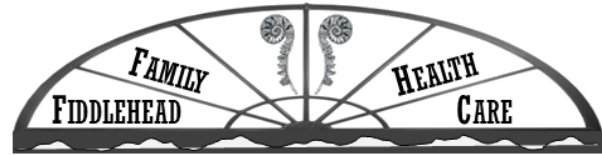


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Thursday, July 13, 2023

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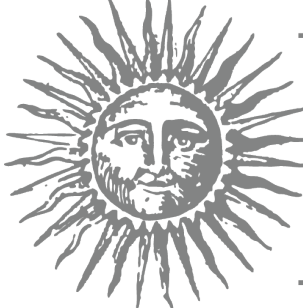

7:00 PM The Ruta Beggars ... therutabeggars.com

The Ruta Beggars infuse traditional bluegrass and early swing to create a timeless act filled with intricate vocal harmonies, fiery instrumentals, and plenty of fun. They have been praised for their creative, yet tasteful, arrangements and charming performances, winning Thomas Point's band competition in 2019. The Ruta Beggars have been featured on the International Bluegrass Music Association's Showcase, Steve Martin's Unreal Bluegrass, Brian O'Donovan's A Celtic Sojourn and countless festivals. Brought together by their passion for bluegrass, The Ruta Beggars are Micah Nicol (guitar), Sofia Chiarandini (fiddle), Ariel Wyner (mandolin), Trevin Nelson (banjo), and Noah Harrington (bass) who met while studying at the prestigious Berklee College of Music American Roots Program.

The performance of Genticorum is fully underwritten by Neat Repeats Resale Shop

8:30 PM Genticorum ... genticorum.com/english

With multiple Canadian Folk Music Awards, as well as Juno and ADISQ nominations, Genticorum has earned a reputation as a leading voice in the evolution of Québécois traditional music. Known for their unbridled energy, their musicianship, and their magnetic stage presence, the trio has won over audiences at such prestigious and diverse events as Celtic Connections in Scotland, the Tønder Folk Festival in Denmark, the National Folk Festival in Australia, and countless venues across North America. Weaving intricate fiddle, flute and accordion lines, gorgeous vocal harmonies, subtle guitar textures and exhilarating foot percussion, the pleasure that Pascal Gemme (fiddle), Yann Falquet (guitar), and Nicholas Williams (flute, accordion) have creating and playing together is palpable, both in the studio and on the concert stage.

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7:00 PM Sarah King ... sarahkingsings.com

Known for her powerhouse voice and “fiery, vulnerable songs,” Ripton, Vermont’s Sarah King creates thought-provoking, versatile Americana music. Her genuine stories about real-life emotions and situations also draw on classic folk-blues themes, balancing songs about the devil and booze with hard-won moments of reflection and acceptance. Her acclaimed 2021 EP *The Hour*, produced by Simone Felice and David Baron, earned her recognition as the New England Music Awards Songwriter of the Year and performances at the 2022 Folk Alliance International and Philadelphia Folk Festival, as well as supporting slots for acts including Blues Traveler and The Steel Woods.

8:30 PM Krishna Guthrie Band ... krishnaguthrieband.com

The Guthrie family story is interwoven into the fabric of American music. While Krishna Guthrie incorporates elements of his lineage, from the folk roots of his great-grandfather, Woody, to the masterful storytelling of his grandfather, Arlo, he’s not afraid of adding influences from his own generation as he carves his own initials on the family tree. While never leaving behind the roots of his family’s music, Krishna’s style turns it up a notch, infusing rock, blues and modern influences. The Krishna Guthrie Band is a collection of like-minded individuals, each with influences of their own, who value what music offers to the world and strive to make each show better than the last. Bobby Maguire (fiddle), Nicky Fitz (drums), Josh LaFave (bass, vocals), and Josh Cote (guitar, vocals) blend their varied musical experiences together to create a musical tapestry on which Krishna weaves his stories.

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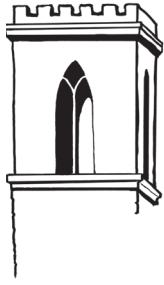
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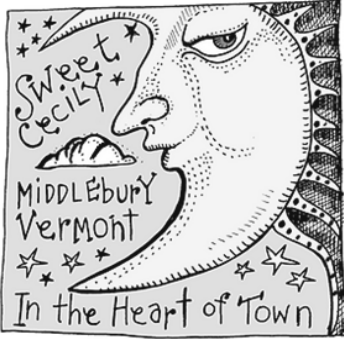


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