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Hobofest returns for ninth year

Lineup blends local talent with acts from Montréal, Brooklyn, Boston

SARANAC LAKE — The ninth annual Hobofest offers a fresh line-up of diverse musical acts from near and far.

This year's installment will take place noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3. This will be Hobofest's third year in Saranac Lake's Riverside Park.

"Despite straying from its by-the-tracks origins, Hobofest remains, first and foremost, a free music festival celebrating community and independent spirit," said festival organizer Peter Seward.

Local talent starts and ends the day with Shamrock Jam's Wednesday night pickers' tradition, and the marching junkyard percussionists, Bucket Ruckus, grooving with Soma Beats' African-style dancing. Middle school rock duo, Üntitled, share their passion, and Scarsdale Vibe will close the night with a driving blend of surf, punk, and garage rock.

Acclaimed Montréal-based power trio, The Paul DesLauriers Band, boogies a blues/rock escapade with virtuosic mastery. Brooklyn-based Sweet Megg & the Wayfarers evoke an era of banjos and horns swinging together. J. Schnitt, singer/songwriter, picks up local rhythm players, presenting originals from his eighteenth album, *How to be Happy about the End of the World*. Veteran jazz/drummer, Bob Meyer, mentors and matches the talents of his young bandmates. Glenn Jones, from the Boston area, unearths the foundations of solo steel-string guitar.

Punctuating ensemble acts are local emcees and musicians. Poet-for-hire, Benjamin Aleshire, will be onsite to compose personalized poems for folks on the spot. Nori's Village Market returns as a mainstay for discerning palettes. Rob Carr will organize children's activities as *Play ADK*.

For the third year, Little Italy is the main business sponsor of Hobofest. Additional key

sponsors include Adirondack Health, Best Western Saranac Lake, Coakley High Peaks Ace Hardware, Cape Air, and Casella Resource Solutions. The Saranac Lake Rotary Foundation acts as Hobofest's fiscal sponsor. The event is made possible, in part, with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts.

Lake Flower Landing at 421 Lake Flower Ave. is Hobofest headquarters, and a pre-sale of Hobofest merchandise is available during Artworks Studio Tour, Saturday and Sunday, August 26th and 27th, 10am until 5pm.

Hobofest accepts tax-exempt donations to present this free event. Adirondack Foundation facilitates a crowd-sourced funding campaign through Adirondack Gives called, *Hobofest: Music to our ears!* To donate, visit adirondackgives.org/campaigns/hobofest-music-to-our-ears/

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