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The North Atlantic Arts Alliance presents

**OSSIPEE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL: Maine's 4-Day Roots Music Festival**

**THURSDAY, JULY 28 - SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016**

*Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, 291 S. Hiram Road, Hiram, Maine*

*Four-day, three-day, single day, and "after dark" tickets available online and at the gate.*

*Kids 17 and under are FREE!*

*Buy online at [www.ossipeevalley.com](http://www.ossipeevalley.com)*

*Free camping. All ages*

*Additional photo downloads online at: [www.ossipeevalley.com/press-page](http://www.ossipeevalley.com/press-page)*

### **18th ANNUAL OSSIPEE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**featuring SARAH JAROSZ, MICHAEL CLEVELAND & FLAMEKEEPER, JOHN JORGENSON GYPSY JAZZ QUINTET, CLAIRE LYNCH BAND, THE CALIFORNIA HONEYDROPS, PARSONSFIELD, Mandolin Orange, Shel, Brittany Haas & Jordan Tice, Joe Walsh, Ghost of Paul Revere, Tricky Britches, Shel, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, New England Bluegrass Band, Mile Twelve Bluegrass Band, The Bagboys, Seth Sawyer Band, Twisted Pine, Mipso, Lula Wiles, and more.**

Known as "the music lover's music festival," the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Ossipee Valley Music Festival features four days of adventurous roots music including bluegrass, acoustic, country, and folk music beneath the tall pines at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds. The festival features locally sourced food vendors and crafts, music workshops, yoga, a free Music Academy for kids 8 - 15, special children's activities, late night dance parties, campfire picking, New England microbrews in the beer tent, tubing on the nearby Ossipee River, and lots of family-friendly fun.

Ossipee has been attracting international performers to Maine since 1999. This year's headliners once again offer the festival's signature mix of straight-up bluegrass, Americana, indie folk, jazz, sweet country twang, and the best of this year's young up-and-comers.

Texan **Sarah Jarosz** is a gifted multi-instrumentalist, distinctive vocalist and accomplished songwriter. Though still in her twenties, she has received multiple Grammy nominations. **Michael Cleveland** is considered one of the premier bluegrass fiddlers of his generation. He has performed with everyone from Bill Monroe to Marty Stuart. **John Jorgenson** is a guitar virtuoso who has collaborated with Elton John, Luciano Pavarotti, Bonnie Raitt, and Bob Dylan. He honors the music of Django Reinhardt with his all-star gypsy jazz ensemble. **The California Honeydrops** are young up-and-comers from California who play an infectious, unique, foot-stomping blend of Delta blues, funk, and New Orleans second-line. **Shel** is an indie-folk quartet of sisters from Colorado whose music is full of ethereal textures, dense harmonies, and superb musicianship. Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics worked closely with them on their new record, "Just Crazy Enough."

Just 45 minutes west of Portland and 2.5 hours north of Boston, the Ossipee Valley Music Festival is one of New England's largest roots and Americana festivals. The festival offers free admission for kids under 17 plus free tenting and RV camp sites (hookups are \$10 per night). Three- and four-day tickets are available as well as single day tickets. The festival also offers a special "After Dark" ticket that is good for the evening's headlining acts and all the late night dances, jams, and concerts.

The spacious Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds offers a variety of sun and shade campsites with wide open meadow or shady protected sites. Campers can choose to be in the thick of the festivities with sight lines to the main stage or select a quiet, family-friendly site on the outskirts. All camp sites have access to nearby bathroom facilities, showers, and port-a-potties.

Food is available from early morning to late night from a wide variety of vendors including Flatbreads Brick Oven Pizza; The Farmer's Belly locally sourced paper plate gourmet; the Local Carnivore, steak tips, Cool Beans & Cajun coffee drinks, smoothies and jambalaya; the Kezar Fall Breakfast Shack; and more. The beer tent will serve handcrafted New England microbrews from Tuckerman's Brewery, Prodical Brewery, Gneiss Brewery, and the Saphouse Meadery and Hard Ciders. Vendor's Row always features a lively blend of clothing, jewelry, music-related items, CDs, T-shirts, information from local nonprofits, and handmade craft items.

A variety of convenient "festival camping gear packages" are available via pre-order on the Ossipee web site from Project Shelter.

Tickets will be available at the gate. Children 17 and under are always free.

Ossipee Valley Music Festival also holds a 5-day music camp for all ages prior to the festival featuring music, camping, yoga, and farm to table food with some of the best teachers and players in roots music today. For more information and to register for the Music Camp, visit [www.ossipeevalley.com/string-camp/](http://www.ossipeevalley.com/string-camp/).

For further information, visit [www.OssipeeValley.com](http://www.OssipeeValley.com) or email [info@ossipeevalley.com](mailto:info@ossipeevalley.com). The Ossipee Valley Music Festival is produced by the North Atlantic Arts Alliance, a nonprofit organization committed to promoting the arts and music in Western Maine.

#### **TICKET PRICES:**

4-Day ticket: \$135

3-Day ticket (Thurs - Sat or Fri - Sun): \$115

2-Day ticket: \$75 - \$90

1Day tickets: \$35 - \$55

Ossipee After Dark (Admission after 6 pm): \$30 & \$35

Farm to Table Brunch, Sunday: \$25

#### **LINKS:**

**Ossipee Valley Music Festival:** <http://ossipeevalley.com>

**Press Photo Downloads:** <http://ossipeevalley.com/press-page>

**Ticket Link:** <http://ossipeevalley.com/festival/tickets/>

**Sarah Jarosz:** <http://www.sarahjarosz.com>

**Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper:** <http://flamekeeperband.com>

**John Jorgenson:** <http://johnjorgenson.com/index.php/photo/>

**The California Honeydrops:** <http://www.cahoneydrops.com>

**Shel:** <http://www.shelmusic.com>

**Claire Lynch Band web site:** <http://www.clairelynch.com>