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PROGRAM

Welcome to our Tenth Annual Highlands Bluegrass Festival!

We're excited to present three great bands, plus food & craft vendors
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Our performers will each do a song in memory of the late Pete Seeger!

MUSIC LINE UP

The Eugene Tyler Band - 1:15 - 2:30 pm
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<http://www.eugenetylerband.com/>



Moonshine Falls - 2: 45 - 4:00 pm
A sound that is steeped in tradition without drowning in it.
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Blue Plate Special - 4:15 -5:30 pm
The sounds of Bluegrass & Americana!
<https://www.blueplatespecialmusic.com/>



ACTIVITIES

Fun arts & craft activities in the Children's Tent - 1:30pm - 5:00pm
The WHUD prize wheel with Andy Bale - 2:00pm

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TEN YEARS OF THE HIGHLANDS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL!

BY GEOFF WELCH, CURATOR / PHOTOGRAPHER

In 2010, I suggested bluegrass music as an acoustic, musically-skilled, family-friendly genre that would be presented on the spacious great lawn of Harmony Hall. The Board of Directors of Friends of Harmony Hall all agreed, as did the Town of Ramapo, and so, the Highlands Bluegrass Festival launched on September 19, 2010, blessed with perfect weather and great music!

Featured were *Carol Beaugard & The Blue Express*, one of the Hudson Valley's premiere bluegrass bands and *Proud Flesh*, a young band specializing in progressive bluegrass/folk-rock music with fine songwriting as well as traditional tunes. The 3rd band at the festival was *Ramapo Torne Ramblers*, specializing in the Appalachian Mountain, old-time music roots of bluegrass.



Carol Beaugard & The Blue Express



Proud Flesh





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2011



Our second annual Highlands Bluegrass Festival, (with a stage set up on the south side of the lawn) headlined *Mama Tried*, from the middle Hudson Valley, who performed a very fine set. 2011 also marked the first appearance of our Friends of Harmony Hall Bluegrass Chicken on stage!



Mama Tried (with the FOHH Bluegrass Chicken)



2012

The very talented Sue Cunningham Band made her first appearance at the Highlands Bluegrass Festival on Sunday, September 9, 2012. People also enjoyed watching conservator Kenneth Jay Linsner as he worked to restore a nineteenth century chandelier in the Parlor of Harmony Hall (1848).



Sue Cunningham



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2013

The 4th Highlands Bluegrass festival drew the largest attendance yet on a beautiful afternoon in the Ramapo Valley. Sue Cunningham returned and sat in with the melodious Danny Shipe Band. Mama Tried, also returned that year and played a marvelous, inspired set.



Rown-Cunningham Band



Then the headlining Rowan Cunningham Band, which combined brothers Chris and Loren Rowan (younger brothers of Peter Rowan) with the great fiddle playing and singing of the late Sue Cunningham, dazzled past our high expectations with soaring vocal harmonies and flowing instrumental performances. A highly entertaining show that was wondrous!

2014

Sue Cunningham, who was scheduled to play, sadly became ill days before the festival. In her place, Jeff Scroggins was able to step in with a fine group of friends who performed with him. The rest of the music lineup: Dogs Like Us, The Ebony Hillbillies, and Mara Levine.



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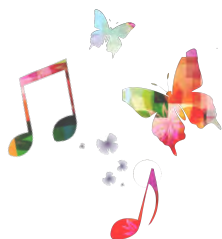
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2015

The 2015 Festival was in Memorial of Sue Cunningham who passed away in March, 2015. Headlining was award-winning Jeff Scroggins on Banjo. 2015, also featured The Moonshine Creek Bluegrass Band and Dogs Like Us - a very entertaining lineup!



Jeff Scroggins



Jeff Scroggins & Colorado

2016

Jeff Scroggins returned with his exciting touring band *Colorado* to headline the festival. His talented young son Tristan was featured on mandolin. The set included fast picking exchanges between father and son.



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2017

Our biggest crowd in attendance yet - with the line-up led by Tony Trischka! Appearing with Tony were two young bluegrass stars, violinist Alex Hargreaves and Dominick Leslie on mandolin and vocals. Perfect weather added to the musical pleasures!



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*Tony Trischka
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Dominick Leslie*



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2018

The opening set in 2018 with Moonshine Falls involved some fine music making. Joining Tony Trischka was Larry Cook on bass/mandolin and vocals and Michael Daves on guitar and vocals for an excellent, energized set. Tony also joined in for a few songs with Blue Plate Special who did a wonderful set to close the festival.



Michael Daves, Larry Cook & Tony Trischka

We hope you were able to join us for all or some of the first decade of Bluegrass music at Harmony Hall – The Jacob Sloat House. With your support we will continue the Highlands Bluegrass Festival here in Sloatsburg, New York and raise enough funding to fully restore this National Register of Historic Places Site. Let history, music and the scenic beauty and environmental importance of the Highlands Region continue to be recognized and protected!



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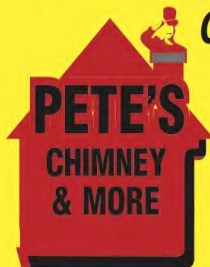
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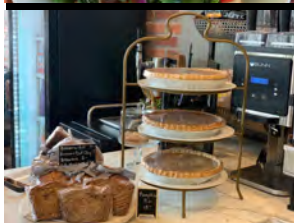
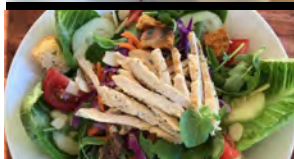
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