



HEBRON, CT ~ AUGUST 11-14, 2016

Bluegrass Festival

NEWS RELEASE

Podunk Bluegrass Festival Acoustic Stage Featuring Multi-Genre Connecticut Acts

- WHAT:** Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival. 2010 [IBMA](#) Event of the Year.
- WHEN:** Thursday August 11 – Sunday August 14, 2016
- WHERE:** Hebron Lions Fairground,
347 Gilead Street
CT Route 85
Hebron, Connecticut 06248
[Directions](#)
- WEBSITE:** www.PodunkBluegrass.com
- SOCIAL:** facebook.com/podunkbluegrassfestival
twitter.com/PodunkBluegrass
- PARKING:** Ample parking available on site for \$3.00 per day
- PRICE:** Ticket options vary from daily tickets to the ultimate experience of a VIP package. [See website for details.](#)
- ACCOMMODATIONS:** On site camping. Limited hookups available. [More info.](#) [Hilton Garden Inn Glastonbury, CT](#) is the official hotel for the festival.
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Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival Acoustic Stage is Better Than Ever

The Acoustic Stage, an addition to the festival in 2015 featuring multi-genre Connecticut based acoustic acts, is back again this year. The Acoustic Stage opens with the [On Deck Sound Studio Showcase](#) Thursday evening at 5:15 followed by two full days of acoustic music on Friday and Saturday that highlights the variety of original music created here in Connecticut. All performers do it on acoustic instruments – and yes drums are an acoustic instrument.

On Thursday August 11, 2016, the Acoustic Stage will become the [On Deck Sound Studio Showcase](#). It will feature [Elaine Atwell](#), [The BandShes](#), [The Honeycreepers](#), [Chris Kiley](#) and [Rivers](#).

Friday August 12, 2016 will feature [The Carleans](#), [Podunk Throwbacks](#), [Andy Wakeman](#), [Jeff Przech](#), [Them Damn Hamiltons](#) and [Ponybird](#). Closing out the night is [The Hot Flashes](#), an exciting and eclectic group fronted by three female vocalists who have made a name for themselves on the New England music scene that have reunited after a 13 year hiatus to bring their tight vocal harmonies and jazzy acoustic stylings to a number of select venues in the area. The Flashes are Amy Gallatin, who with her expressive soulful singing has made a name for herself both in the US/Canada and overseas, award-winning singer-songwriter/guitarist Gail Wade, and multi-instrumentalist Peggy Harvey, founding member of the legendary bluegrass group Traver Hollow.

Saturday August 13, 2016 starts with [Nancy Tucker](#) with music for kids, [Seth Adam](#), [Sarah Lemieux](#), [Frank Critelli](#), [Heather Fay](#), [Belle of the Fall](#), [The Girls From Ruby Falls](#), [Arms & Voices](#). Closing out the Acoustic Stage will be [The Meadows Brothers](#), a New England based Americana roots duo. The Meadows Brothers, are best known for their close sibling harmonies, melodious, unsweetened songwriting and expressive musicality. Ian and Dustin Meadows have been playing music together for most of their lives. In 2011, they made the decision to leave the band they were playing in, and strike out on their own as a duo. Their distinct brand of roots music draws inspiration from a huge list of influences; combining Folk, Blues, Country, and Rock n' roll genres into what The Boston Globe calls "An engagingly twangy sibling sound all their own."

Special guest MC on the Acoustic Stage from 'VOICE of the CITY' on WESU – [J-Cherry!](#)

The stage will be located on a nice grassy area close to the main entrance with plenty of room for camping close by.

The schedule can be seen by clicking [HERE!](#)

Sound for Acoustic Stage will be provided by Connecticut's own [On Deck Sound Studio](#), Microphones provided by Connecticut based [Telefunken Elektroakustik](#).

Festival Facts:

For many years the Podunk Bluegrass Festival was held at Martin Park in East Hartford, CT where it won the International Bluegrass Music Association "Event of the Year" in 2010, the highest award given to a bluegrass event.

In 2014 the festival found a new home at the [Hebron Fairground](#) where it finally has room to grow to it's full potential.

The Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization.

In 2010 Podunk received an Arts and Humanities Award from the National Parks and Recreation Association.

Since its inception, Podunk has hosted some of the biggest names in bluegrass music such as Ricky Sckaggs, Emmylou Harris, John Hartford, Ralph Stanley, Rhonda Vincent, Sam Bush, Steep Canyon Rangers and The Seldom Scene and many more.

There are many activities throughout the four days to entertain the kids including crafts, games, movies and [Kid's Bluegrass Academy](#) provided by the Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance - ([RIBA](#))

Ample Field Picking. Bring your instrument and join in at the camping grounds and under the family tent for some good old fashion picking! Plenty of opportunities to play into the wee hours!

Concierge camping. Upon entry, our camping team will discuss your preferences with you and guide you right to your perfect camping spot. No "rodeo" or fighting for space at this festival. Limited hookups are available. [Details](#)

A great variety of food and other vendors will be on hand as well as ice on site.