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Podunk Bluegrass Festival Songwriters Competition Finalists.

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The finalists of the 2016 Podunk Bluegrass Festival Songwriters Contest have been selected by our committee to perform on the main stage Saturday, August 13, 2016. The three artists will perform their song plus one or two others and will be judged by professional songwriters, publishers, or other music industry professionals from the Podunk Bluegrass Festival music community. All entries will be judged on originality, lyrics, melody and the song's overall craft.

The three finalists are Kevin T. Hale of West Lake Village, and his song I Paid for Your Sins on Calvary, David McKeon of Astoria, NY, with his song Sweet Annie Mae, and Eben Salter of Gales Ferry, CT with his song The Old Iron Gate.

A unique feature of the competition is that the winning song will be a required song in the Telefunken Band Competition at our 2017 festival. This year's band competition participants include: Damn Tall Buildings, Boston, MA, Five In The Chamber, New Haven, CT, Man About a Horse, Philadelphia, PA and Mile Twelve, Allston, MA. They will all be performing last year's winning song "Sunny Side of Town" written by Geoff Bartley of Framingham, MA.

Each performer will be eligible for the following prizes; First Prize \$200, a Premium Ticket for 2 to the 2017 Podunk Bluegrass Festival, and a festival T-shirt. Second Prize \$100 and a pair of Three Day General Admission tickets to the 2017 Podunk Bluegrass Festival and Third Prize \$50 and a pair of General Admission Tickets good for any day of the festival to the 2017 Podunk Bluegrass Festival.

Podunk is a family friendly event now in its 20th year. The 2016 line-up includes The Del McCoury Band, The Alison Brown Quartet, The Claire Lynch Band and many other nationally touring bands. There is also an Acoustic Stage with many local and regional bands.

The Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival will be held at the Hebron Lions Fairgrounds in Hebron, CT from August 11 to 14th. For more information visit www.podunkbluegrass.com.

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