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Performing Arts Schedule for the 75th Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair

CONCORD, NH – Nationally recognized for its celebration of fine craft and artisans, the 75th Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair, August 2-10 at the Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, NH, is also well known for its presentation of high-caliber musicians and performers. Fairgoers will be treated to a wide range of performances. All performances take place in the Performing Arts Tent and are included in the admission price to the Fair. The Fair is open daily, rain or shine, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm with performances at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. The performers scheduled to appear at the Annual Craftsmen's Fair Performing Arts Tent are:

- Saturday, August 2: **Jolly Rogues** – This talented band of musicians and singers has a varied repertoire of 18th and 19th Century material.
- Sunday, August 3: **Amoskeag Strummers** – This band is recognized for their unique sound and style, having a large repertoire of patriotic numbers, classical rags, Broadway tunes and Dixieland jazz.
- Monday, August 4: **Late Night Radio** – This band has been entertaining New England audiences with a selection of bluegrass, western swing and originals since 1999.
- Tuesday, August 5: **Swing a Cat** – This local band, consisting of bass, guitar, piano, and violin, performs 20s and 30s swing, and features three-part harmony vocals.
- Wednesday, August 6: **Putnam-Pirozzoli** – This duo combines the lyrical sophisticated sounds of classical guitar with the earthy soul of steel string acoustic.
- Thursday, August 7: **Bradford Bog People** – This husband and wife duet plays lively foot-stomping Southern Appalachian music singing beautiful ballads and playing guitar, fiddle and bass.
- Friday, August 8: **Castlebay** – This band musically weaves together the timeless traditions of Maine's nautical legacy with its British Isles heritage using expressive vocal and Celtic instruments.
- Saturday, August 9: **Mamadou** – This unique and high energy band sets feet and spirits dancing with music based on authentic African rhythms and arrangements.
- Sunday, August 10: **The Buskers** – This band's music features a kinetic fusion of acoustic folk/pop, New Orleans-influenced R&B, old jazz standards with their own memorable songwriting.

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Special Fuel Up at the Fair Promotion

With the national average cost per gallon of gasoline now over \$4.00, the League of NH Craftsmen has come up with a promotion to help provide some relief for those who attend this year's Annual Craftsmen's Fair. The first 250 people who attend the Fair during a weekday (Monday, Aug 4 through Friday, Aug 8) that bring a gas receipt to the Sunapee Chamber of Commerce booth at the Fair will be automatically entered to win a \$50 gas card and other prizes, including gift certificates from Sunapee Region restaurants and other businesses. There is one entry per family, and contact information must be provided. The drawing for the gas card and other prizes will occur at noon each day.

A Birthday Bash to Celebrate 75 Years

This year, a special Craftsmen's Fair Birthday Bash will be held on Thursday evening, August 7, featuring dinner and entertainment by folk and blues singer Tom Rush. During the Birthday Bash, the League of NH Craftsmen will present awards to juried members of the League for craft excellence and education, as well as recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the Fair and the League. The evening will be topped off with a fireworks display by Atlas PyroVision Productions. Tickets are \$40 per person for the dinner, Tom Rush concert, and fireworks; \$25 per person for the Tom Rush concert and fireworks only. Tickets can be purchased on the League's website, www.nhcrafts.org.

Fair Information and Early Online Ticket Sales

The lead media sponsor for the 75th Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair is Comcast. The Fair will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, rain or shine, from August 2-10. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors, students, active duty military (with ID), and groups of 20 or more. Admission is free for children 12 and under. A ticket includes admission to all exhibitions and demonstrations, as well as a second day free return to the Fair. This year, visitors can purchase tickets in advance on the League's website, www.nhcrafts.org. This is a great way to avoid the long ticket lines at the Fair gates. Tickets that are purchased on the League website after July 26 will be available for pickup at any ticket gate.

Advanced discount tickets for \$8.00 are available at the New London Chamber of Commerce at 338 Main Street.

Parking is free and childcare is available on site at \$2 per hour. Picnic areas, as well as a food tent, indoor cafeterias, and an outdoor Garden Café (serving adult beverages) are open daily. No pets are permitted on the fairgrounds or left in cars in the parking lots.

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About the League of NH Craftsmen

The League of NH Craftsmen is a non-profit, craft education organization. Its mission is to encourage, nurture and promote the creation, use and preservation of fine contemporary and traditional craft through the inspiration and education of artists and the broader community. The League is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information about the Fair, or the League of NH Craftsmen, call 603-224-3375, email nhleague@nhcrafts.org, or visit the League's website at www.nhcrafts.org.



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