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# The Hartland JazzFest Features Top International Talent

International stars, the finest local talent, and delectable food from regional vendors come together at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hartland JazzFest on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hartland Library lawn off Route 5 in Hartland, Vermont. This family-friendly event will delight music lovers of all types, with fun in the sun from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

The suggested donation for admission is \$10, and children are free. Visitors may bring a chair or a blanket, and a picnic if desired; an audience tent will provide shade, and food vendors will be on site. A portion of the proceeds will benefit music and arts scholarships for talented local youngsters. The event is sponsored by Hartland Community Arts.

On Friday evening, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Hartland's Damon Hall, there will be a FREE showing of **Talking Sticks**, the critically acclaimed film of vibes master **Arthur Lipner**, which documents his travels through Ghana, Brazil, and Iceland where cinematographers shot stunning footage of Lipner's building and performing on an ice xylophone. The film will be followed by a conversation with Hartland's Peter Concilio, the JazzFest artistic director and Lipner's former English teacher. See the film's trailer at [youtube.com/watch?v=m0FRUzxYD8w](http://youtube.com/watch?v=m0FRUzxYD8w).

On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> JazzFest will kick off at noon with the **East Bay Jazz Ensemble**, featuring local legend Gerry Grimo. **Arthur Lipner** will take the stage at 1:00, followed by the **Almost Legendary Thundering Muskrats**, led by Lebanon, NH physician Eric Bronstein, who will cure what ails you. Tim Gilmore's **Electric Bebop Band** will feature scorching guitarists Randy Roos (Orchestra Luna, PBS composer) and Dave Tonkin (sold-out performances at New York's Blue Note and the Saratoga Jazz Festival). They will be joined by guest artist John Carlson, nationally

recognized trumpet wizard, who has toured and recorded with the Grammy-nominated Either Orchestra.

Next up is sultry New Orleans vocalist **Samirah Evans**, who has shared stages with B.B. King and James Brown. The all-stars of **Interplay Jazz** come next, lead by Dartmouth's renowned jazz teacher and composer Fred Haas, and featuring New York Times-acclaimed pianist and recording artist Armen Donelian (veteran of gigs with Sonny Rollins and Chet Baker, among others). The 17-piece **Vermont Jazz Ensemble**, popular performers at the Burlington Jazz Festival, will fire up the audience as the sun starts to set, and Ted Mortimer's fabulous **Dr. Burma** will perform and play for dancing at 7:00 p.m.

"The Hartland JazzFest is a great opportunity to see top jazz artists in a quiet Vermont setting," says Peter Concilio, himself a performer and teacher, who will be playing upright bass with the Electric Bebop Band. "These folks love to play for appreciative audiences, and they're looking forward to a great time."

The Hartland JazzFest is sponsored in part by the Byrne Foundation, Cynergy Productions, Interplay Jazz, Mascoma Savings Bank, David Singer and Toni Vendetti, and Robert Wetzel.

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