

# NORTHERN APPALACHIAN folk FESTIVAL

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**Always The Weekend After Labor Day**  
*Celebrating Our Fifth Year in 2017*

**2017 DATES:** Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10

**LOCATION:** Downtown Indiana. *Parking and lodging information:* [northernappfolkfest.org/visitor](http://northernappfolkfest.org/visitor)

**FESTIVAL HOURS:** 11AM to 8PM Saturday and 11AM to 6PM Sunday

**FREE ADMISSION** to the festival and its performances

## ABOUT:

- Celebrates a region-within-a-region, folk-roots music, art and culture
- Northern Appalachia covers 86 counties in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, and New York
- Family-friendly with games and activities for younger festival-goers in “Children’s Alley”
- Free live performances include regional and national acts, a ‘Locally Made Lineup,’ and after-hours shows in local venues

**HISTORY:** The idea of a regional festival grew from Indiana University of Pennsylvania hosting a national conference of the Appalachian Studies Association in 2012. NAFF has evolved into a broader art and music festival while honoring its original spirit and regional flavor through educational programming and selection of artists and vendors.

**NEW:** NAFF17 will include exhibits and workshops illuminating both the region’s rich hardwood heritage and its present-day, billion-dollar impact on the industry.

## *Includes*

- Wood on Glass Antique Photo Exhibit on loan from Pennsylvania’s Lumber Heritage Region
- Pennsylvania WoodMobile, a traveling exhibit from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

**ARTISTS AND VENDORS:** [northernappfolkfest.org/art-vendors](http://northernappfolkfest.org/art-vendors)

Vendors offer a variety of handmade and home-grown goods Saturday and Sunday • Non-profits and educational groups are also represented • Food vendors with festival favorites

**WORKSHOPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:** [northernappfolkfest.org/workshops](http://northernappfolkfest.org/workshops)

Free workshops throughout the weekend and held at downtown venues. Most subject matter is suitable for all ages. Topics include history, culture, flora and fauna, cuisine, and contemporary issues. *Also* Demonstrations • On-Your-Own Excursions • Film Screenings • Art Exhibits • Storytellers and Liars Contest

**MUSIC:** guided by a folk-roots aesthetic, the NAFF lineup celebrates blues, country, folk, Americana, and other influences on contemporary music. Headlined by national acts such as Rusted Root (2015), Joe Grushecky and the Houserockers (2014), Si Kahn (2013), Dar Williams (2016), Southern Culture on the Skids (2016)

**2017 HEADLINERS** *full lineup available soon:* [northernappfolkfest.org/music](http://northernappfolkfest.org/music)

**Slim Jim Phantom** With his trademark stand-up style, Slim Jim Phantom helped launch the early 1980s neo-rockabilly movement as The Stray Cats’ drummer. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame includes their 1981 hit "Rock This Town" as one of the songs that shaped rock. In the years since, Phantom has played and collaborated with legendary artists from Jerry Lee Lewis to Lemmy Kilmister, climbed Mt. Everest and penned a well-received autobiography “A Stray Cat Struts: My Life as a Rockabilly Rebel.”

**Commander Cody/The Commander Cody Band** The country-rock pioneers were among the first to trade folk-rock and bluegrass influences for a rowdier barroom flavor. Known for marathon live shows and a 1971 Top 10 hit "Hot Rod Lincoln," the Commander also claims a spot on Rolling Stone Magazine's top 100 albums of all time with *Deep In The Heart Of Texas*.

**Patty Larkin** “Hypnotic” (Entertainment Weekly) and “riveting,” (*Chicago Tribune*), singer-songwriter and guitarist Patty Larkin has enthralled audiences and listeners for more than 25 years. A winner of 11 Boston Music Awards, Larkin’s work has been covered by Cher and appears on television and motion picture soundtracks. For her 2010 retrospective, “25”, Larkin collaborated with Rosanne Cash, Suzanne Vega, Shawn Colvin, Janis Ian, Bruce Cockburn, Martin Sexton, Dar Williams, Greg Brown, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and others (including The Nields, who will also be appearing at NAFF17).