

NORTHERN APPALACHIAN folk FESTIVAL

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

5th NORTHERN APPALACHIAN FOLK FESTIVAL BRINGS FREE, LIVE PERFORMANCES BY NATIONAL ARTISTS TO DOWNTOWN INDIANA, PA SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10, 2017

18 live acts, including a 'Cat' and a Commander, will help The Northern Appalachian Folk Festival (NAFF) celebrate its fifth of year, the weekend after Labor Day in Indiana, PA.

The end-of-summer event annually brings artists, vendors, educational programming, and live music to Indiana's downtown district. Admission to the festival, September 9 and 10 on Philadelphia Street, is free.

Guided by a folk-roots aesthetic, the NAFF music lineup celebrates blues, country, Americana, and other influences on contemporary music. The bill ranges from a "Locally Made" lineup of regional talent to national recording artists.

2017 headliners are Slim Jim Phantom, who helped launch the early 1980s neo-rockabilly movement as The Stray Cats' drummer; country-rock pioneer Commander Cody, and award-winning folk-pop artist Patty Larkin.

After-hours performances at local venues kick things off Friday night and will continue after the festival's Saturday program winds down. Most "NAFF'ter Hours" shows are all-ages and a schedule can be found on the festival website: NorthernAppFolkFest.org/AfterHours .

NAFF offers something for all ages — including the popular Children's Alley with games and activities geared to younger festival-goers. Highlights this year include a Kindness Rocks painting party, carnival games, stories, and a bounce house.

A variety of free workshops throughout the weekend explore topics of regional interest, including history, cuisine, and music. These informal talks are suitable for all-ages, do not require pre-registration and are held at various downtown locations. 2017 puts a spotlight on the region's lumber industry with exhibits, demonstrations and more. Related programming will feature the Pennsylvania WoodMobile, a traveling, interactive exhibit, and antique photos on loan from Pennsylvania's Lumber Heritage Region. The "Wood On Glass" collection, on view locally before and during NAFF, will also include a lecture by Steve Manginell, Lumber Heritage Region outreach coordinator. A screening of documentary "The Last Raft" will be hosted by Amplify Church in the Indiana Theater in advance of NAFF, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 7. Admission to the movie is free.

Visit the festival website for more information: NorthernAppFolkFest.org

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