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Maryland Folk Festival announces second round of performers

SALISBURY, Md. – The Maryland Folk Festival will bring artists from all over the country to Downtown Salisbury for this year’s event, in addition to local favorites.

Today, the festival announces three more artists traveling to Salisbury to perform, in addition to six of the musicians who will perform on the Salisbury University Locals Stage.

The second-annual Maryland Folk Festival is set for Friday-Sunday, Sept. 20-22. The Maryland Folk Festival is dedicated to creating unique experiences of discovery and learning; cultivating cultural and ethnic diversity; and pursuing all opportunities to inspire and enlighten through music, dance, food and more.

Flor de Toloache is a mariachi/*música Mexicana* group traveling from New York City; Max Rosado, a salsa singer, will come from Washington, D.C.; and Rebecca Frazier and Hit & Run will bring a bluegrass and beyond show to Salisbury.

The Salisbury University Locals Stage, which will feature the Academy of Music Performance, Blind Wind, the Christine Havrilla Duo, Jonathan Zapuche, Marlee and Wes Davis, is sponsored by Salisbury University and Salisbury University’s Fulton School of Liberal Arts.

“As the festival gets closer, we’re excited to continue sharing with everyone who will be performing in Downtown Salisbury for this year’s Maryland Folk Festival,” said Caroline O’Hare, events and culture manager for the City of Salisbury. “These artists are truly impressive.”

Artists:

Flor de Toloache (New York City) – mariachi / *música Mexicana*

Latin Grammy®-winning, all-female group Flor de Toloache mixes tradition and innovation, breaking boundaries with its edgy, versatile, and fresh take on traditional Latin American music.

Max Rosado (Washington, D.C.) – salsa

Max Rosado is an award-winning salsa singer born and raised in Puerto Rico and currently based in Washington, D.C.

Rebecca Frazier + Hit & Run (Nashville, Tenn.) – bluegrass

Rebecca Frazier brings a high-energy, female-led bluegrass and beyond show that features award-winning musicianship and songwriting with her band, Hit & Run.

Locals Stage Artists:

Academy of Music Performance - AMP Studio (Salisbury, Md.) – rock

The young musicians of AMP Studio – the Academy of Music Performance – are ready to rock.

Blind Wind (Ocean City, Md.) – country/bluegrass

Blind Wind is an award-winning father/son duo featuring blind harmonica player Cole Moran and his dad, Frankie Moran.

Christine Havrilla Duo (Milton, Del., and Salisbury, Md.) – “neofunkadelicfolkpoptwangrock”

Christine Havrilla wins crowds over wherever she goes with her musical innovation, heartfelt lyrics, and her guitar a mere extension of herself.

Jonathan Zapuche (Fruitland, Md., and New York City) – classical violin / *música llanera*

Jonathan Zapuche began violin lessons when he was 4 years old, and in the last nine years, he has won numerous competitions in the United States and in Europe. In 2022, at the age of 13, Jonathan performed at Carnegie Hall. Currently, he is the youngest violinist in the Peabody Youth Orchestra.

Marlee (Salisbury, Md.) – contemporary R&B / pop

Marlee is a contemporary R&B/pop recording artist from Salisbury, Maryland, who is quickly capturing the hearts of fans around the world.

Wes Davis (Salisbury, Md.) - prog rock / blues

Wes Davis and his band connect with listeners through songs that hit the heart, bring back memories and make the feet move.

Over a dozen people of different backgrounds, and with a deep passion of music and art forms, came together from across Delmarva to serve on the Performers Committee. This committee’s role is to advise, review, and select the artists who will perform at the Maryland Folk Festival.

To learn more about these artists and their stories, please visit <https://mdfolkfest.com/performers/>

The Maryland Folk Festival will feature individual artists on Facebook (facebook.com/MDFolkFestival) and Instagram (instagram.com/mdfolkfestival/). More performers will be announced as they are confirmed.

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Performer photos, bios, and audio clips may be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/MDFF-2024-Artist-Media-Assets> Photo credits should be listed and can be found in image file names.

About the Maryland Folk Festival

After more than five years as the host of the National Folk Festival, produced in collaboration with the National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA), the City of Salisbury's Arts, Business, and Culture Department launched its own legacy festival in 2023. The 2024 festival is set for Sept. 20-22 in Downtown Salisbury.

This large-scale, multi-day outdoor event celebrates the roots, richness and variety of American culture. It features hundreds of the nation's finest musicians, dancers, craftspeople and other keepers of culture in performances, workshops, and demonstrations, plus children's activities, non-stop participatory dancing, storytelling, and more. <https://mdfolkfest.com/>

About the City of Salisbury, Maryland

Founded in 1732, Salisbury is the county seat of Wicomico County, a place where John Smith touched land in 1608 during his exploration of the Chesapeake Bay, bringing him in contact with the Wighcocomoco or Wicomico, the Nause, the Kusk'arawack, and the Nantaquack or Nanticoke tribes who had lived in the region for several millennia. Situated on Maryland's historic Eastern Shore at the crossroads of the Delmarva Peninsula, Salisbury is now one of the region's largest cities, and serves as the capital of the Eastern Shore, a rural area defined by its agricultural and maritime traditions, landscapes, and industries.

The Chesapeake Bay is central to this distinctive identity. Though a relatively small city, Salisbury is the geographic and economic hub of one of the nation's fastest-growing Metropolitan Statistical Areas. The City of Salisbury is working to build its reputation as an arts and culture destination and is aligning its downtown development and revitalization efforts with the arts. Salisbury believes hosting the Maryland Folk Festival is the perfect catalyst to further a cultural renaissance and urban renewal. <https://salisbury.md/>

ABCD Events

The Arts, Business and Culture Department is responsible for fostering Salisbury's thriving economic climate through supporting business, expanding economic opportunity, promoting artistic expression, hosting unique experiences, and maintaining regional attractions such as the Salisbury Zoo and Poplar Hill Mansion. By producing signature events, facilitating business incentives, and collaborating with stakeholders, this department strives to make Salisbury a place where arts, business, and culture intersect and flourish. <https://salisbury.md/departments/arts-business-culture>