



July 2, 2008 - For Immediate Release

**Tentative Workshop
Schedule**

Friday August 1

6:00 Dave Landau
(children's)

6:45 Mike Seeger
(banjo)

7:45 Dot Kent (square
and contra dance)

Saturday August 2

1:30 The Chickadees
(children's)

2:45 Goose Island
Ramblers (stories)

3:30 Dave Landau
(children's)

4:15 Mike Compton
(mandolin)

5:00 Bluegrass Boys
(stories)

5:00 Charlie Parr and
Adam Tanner (string
band blues)

6:00 Dave Landau
(children's)

6:45 Hazel Dickens
(conversation and
songs)

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Festival promises learning in intimate setting

MADISON, WI - The fifth annual Sugar Maple Traditional Music Festival is one of Madison's most cozy educational events, encouraging close interaction between artists and attendees.

"We started the festival to encourage people to learn from the artists and from each other," said Evan Murdock, president of the non-profit Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective.

The festival will feature a wide variety of workshops that enable traditional music fans to learn directly from the artists in a relaxed atmosphere. Workshops include: banjo instruction by one of traditional music's legendary performers, Mike Seeger. Also, Grammy-award winning mandolin player Mike Compton will conduct a workshop on the mandolin styles of Bill Monroe. Fans of the great Hazel Dickens will also enjoy stories and songs from her long career in folk and country music, brought out by country music historian Bill Malone. "This year's workshops are the best we've had yet," said workshop coordinator Bob Batyko.

The workshop stage will feature children's artists Dave Landau on both Friday and Saturday and the Chickadees on Saturday. Kids 12 and under are admitted free. As always, there is space for musicians to get together and jam.

Those interested in volunteering at the festival should contact Chris Schlutt at schlutt@tds.net or by calling 608-242-9631.

Tickets are available online at www.sugarmaplefest.org, and in Madison at Exclusive Company State Street, Whole Foods, Spruce Tree Music, and Willy Street Co-op.