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Montauk Keyed Up for Music Festival May 15-18



More than 100 East End and the nation's Indie bands and artists are scheduled to perform a variety of musical genres including Rock, Pop, Bluegrass, Reggae, Soul, Alternative and Folk at the Montauk Music Festival, May 15 to 18. The free, four day musical celebration, set against the back-drop of one of the most beautiful beach resorts on Long Island's East End, is spread throughout the town at a range of intimate venues including a two day showcase stage set on downtown Montauk's Village Green.

"The business community is keyed up for this early spring event which draws thousands of performers and spectators to Montauk in a normally quiet time," says Laraine Creegan, executive director, Montauk Chamber of Commerce.

The festival is organized by a Montauk native Ken Giustino, Publisher of The Montauk Sun. "Five years ago, I started this event to showcase the East End's amazingly talented musicians along with talent from all over the country," he says. "It paved the way to make Montauk even more of a music destination than it has historically been, and at the same time offered a way to extend Montauk's tourist season."

This year the festival is produced in partnership with by Sean Dalton and Tarik Solangi of Ocean Productions. They bring expertise with sound and lighting systems, as well as experienced ears for talent to ensure that the festival will continue to have only the best performers and performances.

The producers forecast 15,000 people or more throughout Montauk during the festival.

Food and beverages are sold by the Montauk Chamber on the Green on Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 5 pm. Available T-shirts are available commemorating the event and CD's from the performing bands and musicians.

Meet the musicians at the opening night party at Gurney's Inn on Thursday May 15, 7 to 11pm. Tickets are \$40. pp with a 4 hour open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Several bands will perform. The festival presents an industry workshop that is free for participating musicians, at Gurney's Inn on Friday May 16, 2 to 4 pm. Motels throughout Montauk are offering discounted rates for festival attendees; visit the Festival website and hit the motels tab on the home page for participating establishments.

A complete lineup of the Artist performing, along with the schedule of the concerts is found at www.montaukmusicfestival.com and www.montauksun.com

Visit the Festival's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/themontaukmusicfestival

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