

**Nicole Heriot-Mikula, Festival Director**

**[nicole@ctfolk.org](mailto:nicole@ctfolk.org)**

**Ph: 917-576-9147**

## **CT Folk Fest & Green Expo celebrates 30th Year at Edgerton Park on Saturday, September 9th**

CT Folk Fest & Green Expo celebrates its 30th year with best-in-class music, local artisan vendors, and the flagship Green Expo in Edgerton Park on the Saturday after Labor Day, September 9, from 11 am until 10 pm.

CT Folk unveils a lineup on two stages that shines a light on the best in folk music and beyond. 2023 includes headliners Southern Avenue with direct support from Maria Muldaur & Her Red Hot Bluesiana Band. This diverse lineup delivers something for everyone with The Barefoot Movement, Dom Flemons, Lizzie No, Lara Herscovitch & The Highway Philosophers, Jeiris Cook, Afro-Semitic Experience, Beppe Gambetta, The Bargain, Isabella Mendes, and Sun Queen.

The Green Expo, open from 11am until 6:30pm, highlights over 50 handmade artisans, exhibitors and area nonprofits. For all families, the Green Kids' Village offers all-day workshops including live music with Liz McNicholl, children's yoga with Full of Joy Yoga, Puppetry with Isaac Bloodworth, magic shows with Cyril the Sorcerer, and all-day hands-on projects and workshops with EcoWorks, Eli Whitney Museum, Air Temple Arts, and Faustin Adeniran. The Green New Haven tent will feature a full day of workshops with local organizations, Save The Sound, MakeHaven, Gather New Haven, SeaGrant CT, Reimagining New Haven, CPEN, and Urban Resources Initiative. This year, CT Folk has expanded their programming with a CT Folk tent including master classes with Beppe Gambetta, Allen Lowe, Dick Neal, Toto Kisaku, and MayaRose Spoken Word.

The diverse food truck lineup includes Rasta Rant, Tex Mex Fusion, Everything About Crepes, Moon Rocks Gourmet Cookie, P&M Fine Foods, Ben & Jerry's, Mamoun's Falafel, and Lalibela Ethiopian. We will also be serving craft brews courtesy of New England Brewing Company, as well as LoveLou Wines.

CT Folk Fest & Green Expo has organically grown into one of the leading folk festivals and largest Green Expo in Connecticut. The festival is a champion of diversity and community, bringing people of all backgrounds together through shared passions for the arts, supporting local artisans, and investing in a sustainable future. The festival's mixture of music, cuisine, and culture offers something for everyone.

“We are thrilled to be celebrating our 30th year. With two live music stages, expanded programming, free transportation shuttles and so much to do for families, our fest has created a buzz and excitement for all”, Festival Director, Nicole Heriot- Mikula shares.

There is a \$20 suggested donation to support CT Folk’s continued efforts to continue to present and broaden its musical connections, as well for programming which focuses on ecological sustainability. Proceeds benefit CT Folk’s mission to engage, entertain and inspire through diverse folk music, while helping to foster a more socially just and environmentally sustainable community.

"In response to the pandemic, we adeptly transitioned from indoor concerts to virtual streaming and extended our festival to two days, all with the aim of maintaining community ties and broadening our horizons. This year, we're making a triumphant return to our one-day festival format," notes Thabisa Rich, President of CT Folk. "I extend my pride and gratitude to our dedicated volunteer board of directors, staff, partnerships and particularly our funders and donors that allow us to be creative and advance a mission we recognize to be beneficial to the wealth of diverse talent within our community and beyond.”

Parking is available on Whitney Avenue and all surrounding streets around Edgerton Park. Parking for Disabled Persons and Bike Racks will be available on Cliff St. near Greenhouse Entrance. Free transportation provided by SeaGrant CT will be offered from 4 pick-up locations in the neighborhoods of Dixwell, Fair Haven, Newhallville as well as Keefe Community Community Center in Hamden.

*For more information, visit [CTFolk.org](http://CTFolk.org), [Facebook.com/CTFolk](https://Facebook.com/CTFolk), or [Instagram.com/CT\\_Folk](https://Instagram.com/CT_Folk). Location: Edgerton Park, 75 Cliff St., New Haven, CT. To become a vendor, sponsor or volunteer, email [info@ctfolk.org](mailto:info@ctfolk.org).*