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**The GrassRoots Festival Invites You to Come Early! Culture Camp Returns for its Third Year**

April 9, 2018 – After an exciting second year, GrassRoots Culture Camp returns to Trumansburg, NY July 15-18, four days before the 28th annual Finger Lakes GrassRoots Festival, July 19 -22. Both the camp and the festival are held at the Trumansburg Fairgrounds, in Trumansburg, NY.

GrassRoots Culture Camp is an incredible opportunity to attend four days of music and dance workshops led by regional and national artists that also perform at the GrassRoots Festival. The workshops along with themed nightly dinners and dances provide an opportunity to immerse oneself in an intimate learning experience while in a laid back, inspirational, and fun environment.

**WORKSHOPS WITH INSTRUCTORS FROM:**

Donna The Buffalo  
Steve Riley and The Mamou Playboys  
The Horseflies  
Preston Frank and His Zydeco Family Band  
J.P.Harris  
Keith Secola  
The Blind Spots  
Richie and Rosie  
Bobby Henrie and The Goners  
Laila Belle  
The Grady Girls  
Cortadito  
And many more.....

**NIGHTLY DANCES** (Open to the public)

Sunday, July 15th - J.P. Harris (Honky Tonk from Nashville, TN)  
Monday, July 16th - Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys (4 time Grammy nominees, Cajun music at it's best from Lafayette, LA)  
Tuesday, July 17th - Cortadito (Cuban Son Montuno styles reminiscent of Buena Vista Social Cub)  
Wednesday, July 19th - Preston Frank and His Zydeco Family Band (from Soileau, LA, the finest in Creole/Zydeco music)

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*"GrassRoots Culture Camp offers first hand learning experience with masters of traditional and contemporary art forms, including music, dance, visual arts, and culinary arts in a fun and positive setting, promoting community and the importance of tradition and culture in our society."*

-Tara Nevins, Culture Camp coordinator and co-founding member of Donna The Buffalo

Listen to Tara Nevins talk about Culture Camp here: <http://whcuradio.com/morning-newswatch/grassroots-culture-camp/>

Watch Tara Nevins talk about Culture Camp here: [YouTube](#)

**FOR COMPLETE GRASSROOTS CULTURE CAMP INFORMATION, DETAILS, AND TICKET PRICES VISIT: <https://www.grassrootsfest.org/culture-camp/>**

## PREVIOUS CULTURE CAMP ATTENDEES SAY:

*"What an amazing experience Culture Camp turned out to be! Rarely is there an opportunity to immerse yourself in music while learning how to make it. The nightly shows in the dance tent were fabulous! The dinner cuisine was superb! My favorite workshops were Song Writing and Duet Singing. I left Culture Camp feeling inspired and energized!" - Phyllis Atwell*

*"The song writing workshop with Jim Lauderdale, Jeb Puryear, and Tara Nevins was phenomenal. I'm a painter, but I learned that the creative process is similar for both music and visual arts. Having GrassRoots people cook food from their different homelands was a tasty treat." - John Vanderheyden*

*"Wonderful days and nights studying banjo with the great Mac Benford, eating beautiful dinners, dancing to fabulous music and running to the lake for a quick dip in the cool Fingerlakes waters. What could be better? A great time." - Jane Henderson*

*"In all honesty, last year's Culture Camp was a major life experience for me. I was able to work and jam with with professionals, such as Jeb Puryear. At my level of playing as an adult learner, I never thought that I would have had that opportunity. I recieved individualized instruction from the very talented Joey Arcuri of Driftwood. I don't think I've put down my upright bass since. I look forward to Culture Camp to rejuvenate the inspiration and motivation for another whole year. Culture Camp is such a beautiful way to ease in to the excitement of the music festival....the feeding of my soul through music, education, arts, culture and friends that have become family." - Ni Lu*

*"My Culture Camp participation was a combination of learning, experiencing, and interacting with people up close and feeling the joy of what they do and bring to GrassRoots. It's truly rewarding" - Jeffrey Schriber*

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