



## **Musical mix in Lowell**

Globe North Arts

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The 2009 Lowell Folk Festival, a weekend of music, dance, ethnic foods, and arts and crafts, is Friday through next Sunday.

Performances, ranging from traditional folk to honky-tonk, polka, jazz, gospel, and blues, take place on six stages throughout downtown Lowell.

The music is geared for all ages and there's a family activities area. American and ethnic foods from around the world are prepared and offered by nonprofit Lowell-area cultural organizations.

Traditional crafters along Lucy Larcom Park display their wares on the theme "Keepers of the Tradition: Folk Art and Heritage in Massachusetts."

After hosting the National Folk Festival in Lowell from 1987 to 1989, the producing partners and community wanted to continue the excitement and began the Lowell Folk Festival in 1990.

Each year, the producing partners - the city of Lowell, the Lowell Festival Foundation, Lowell National Historical Park, and National Council for the Traditional Arts - present the festival the last full weekend in July.

This year's event kicks off with a downtown parade at 6:45 p.m., followed by concerts at the Boarding House Park stage and Dutton Street Dance Pavilion at 7 p.m.

Performances Saturday are from noon to 6 p.m. on six stages; 7-10 p.m. on two stages; and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. on six stages.

Admission is free. Visit [www.lowellfolkfestival.org](http://www.lowellfolkfestival.org).

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