

FOOD

a taste of tradition

The stories, smells, memories and tastes of beloved foods are the things that people hold on to longest in their lives, despite changes through time, geography, and even language. Whether foodways are adapted by immigrants long settled or those newly arrived, we all can share generations' worth of techniques and wisdom in every bite, along with cooks' stories from some of the cultures that make up the American foodscape, such as African American, Chinese, Jamaican, Polish, Puerto Rican and beyond.

foodways demo schedule saturday & sunday

- Noon:**
Polish pierogi
Dottie N. Flanagan
- 1pm:**
Puerto Rican surprise
Jeanette Rodriguez

2pm:
West African chicken peanut stew
Charles Coe

3pm:
Jamaican fish Tea
Nicola Williams

4pm:
Chinese soba noodles for salad and soup
Max Gow



CRAFTS

crafting a tradition

This year we celebrate 30 years of presenting craft artists at work. You may see familiar faces as we feature some of the most skilled and engaging individuals who have demonstrated over the years and welcome new ones to the festival. Their work is inspired by the human urge to make music, to celebrate, to commemorate, to worship, to adorn, or to delight the senses. Like the music heard on festival stages, these craft traditions have been handed down within families, ethnicities, occupations, or apprenticeships.

Walk through the folk craft area and you will observe master craftspeople carving letterforms in stone, working clay, marbling paper, and carving fruit so stunningly it defies eating. Watch musical instrument makers plane a plank of spruce or insert a decorative inlay. Marvel at the material culture of Lithuanian mid-summer. Pose in one of the Hat Ladies of Fiesta's creations as you learn how one venerable tradition spawns a new one. You will even have the chance sit down and experience culture-specific traditions of folk beauty that originate in Africa and India, and continue in American communities.

craft & crafters

Fruit Carving
Ruben Arco - Lowell, MA

The Hat Ladies of Fiesta
Robyn and Amy Clayton - Gloucester, MA

Guitars and Puerto Rican Cuatro Making
William Cumpiano - Easthampton, MA

Redware Pottery
Stephen Earp - Shelburne Falls, MA

Carving Letterforms in Stone
Jesse Marsolais - Millbury, MA

Greek Bouzouki and Oud Making
Chris Pantazelos - Lowell, MA

Lithuanian Summer Solstice Celebrations
Jonas Stundzia - Lawrence, MA

Mehndi Bridal Art
Noureen Sultana & Danish Khan - Framingham, MA

Kolam Art: Daily Ritual
Tamil Makkai Mandram, Inc. - Bedford, MA

Hair Culture from Africa to America
Sellou Coly & Lujuana Hood - Springfield, MA
Margy Green - Chicopee, MA

Chena River Marblers
Regina & Dan St. John - Amherst, MA

ethnic foods where to find them

Boarding House Park

- Filipino - Iskwelahang Pilipino
- Jamaican / Indian - The Seed
- Hispanic - Lowell Latin Catholic Community of Saint Patrick Parish
- Greek - Hellenic American Academy PTA
- Middle Eastern - St. George Antiochian Church
- Laotian - Wat Lao Mixayaram

JFK Plaza

- Polish - Lowell Polish Cultural Committee
- Laotian - Lao United Church of Lowell
- Jamaican / Indian - The Seed
- Greek - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
- Armenian - Armenian Relief Society
- Laotian - Wat Buddhavhavana
- Portuguese - Portuguese American Veterans

Dutton Street Dance Pavilion

- Southeast Asian - Buddhachak
- Liberian - Emmanuel Temple of Hope
- Burmese - Saydanar Community Development Center
- Mixed African - Christ Jubilee International Ministries
- Brazilian - Fealma
- Nigerian (Friday Only) - Nigerian Association of Merrimack Valley

Market Street

- Nigerian - Nigerian Association of Merrimack Valley
- Sierra Leone / African BBO - New Life Kingdom International Ministries

Hungry? Use our map and find your favorite foods

find it fast walking map

symbol key

- 1 Art In The Courtyard
- 2 Family Fun Area
- 3 Folk Craft & Foodways
- 4 Green Street
- 5 Recycle Pavilion
- 6 Street Performance Area
- 7 Destination Lowell

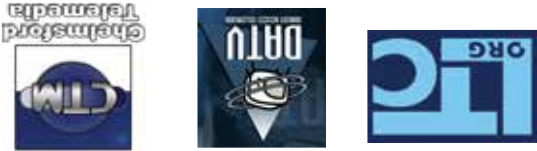
- P Parking
- T Trolley
- Food
- Rest Rooms

- First Aid
- Information
- Merchandise
- Restrooms
- Sign Language
- Parade Route

- Landmark
- Stage

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Dutton St. Dance Pavilion
12:30 - 1:30 Plena Es (*bomba y plena*)
Lurrie Bell's Chicago Blues Band
1:45 - 3:00 (Chicago blues)
Jason D. Williams (rockabilly)
3:15 - 4:15 Savoy Family Cajun Band (Cajun)
4:30 - 5:45 Street (John & Merrimack)
1:30 - 1:55 Hung Gar Kung Fu & Lion Dance
3:30 - 3:55 Hung Gar Kung Fu & Lion Dance
(Chinese lion dance)

sunday July 31

saturday July 30

JFK Plaza (cont.)
3:15 - 3:35 Tarniriik (Inuit throat singing)
3:50 - 4:45 Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy
(Cape Breton and Ontario fiddling)
5:00 - 6:00 Plena Es (*bomba y plena*)
6:15 - 7:10 Savoy Family Cajun Band (Cajun)

Market Street
12:10 - 12:30 Tarniriik (Inuit throat singing)
12:45 - 1:30 Charlie Walden (Missouri old-time fiddle)
1:45 - 2:45 Rahim AlHaj (Iraqi oud)
3:00 - 4:00 Songs of Praise, Hope, and Longing –
Anandi Bhattacharya (Debashish
Bhattacharya), Eric and Leigh Gibson,
Ana Lains, Lurrie Bell, Spencer Taylor
& the Highway QC's
4:15 - 5:15 Sri Lankan Dance Academy of NY
(traditional Sri Lankan dance)
5:30 - 6:30 Qi Shu Fang Peking Opera (Peking Opera)

Saint Anne's Churchyard
12:15 - 1:00 Oi Pontoi (Pontic Greek)
1:15 - 2:00 Sri Lankan Dance Academy of NY
(traditional Sri Lankan dance)
2:15 - 2:35 Tarniriik (Inuit throat singing)
2:50 - 3:45 Charlie Walden (Missouri old-time fiddle)
4:00 - 5:00 Global Strings – Debashish Bhattacharya,
Rahim AlHaj, Kosta Fetfatsidis & Evan
Karapanagiotides (Oi Pontoi), Jesse Brock
(Gibson Bros.)
5:15 - 6:00 Rahim AlHaj (Iraqi oud)

Dutton St. Dance Pavilion
12:15 - 1:30 Jason D. Williams (rockabilly)
1:45 - 2:45 Dennis Polisky & the Maestro's Men
(Polish polka)
3:00 - 3:45 Old Bay Ceili Band (Irish)
4:00 - 5:00 Savoy Family Cajun Band (Cajun)
5:15 - 6:30 Lurrie Bell's Chicago Blues Band
(Chicago blues)
7:30 - 8:30 Deacon John's Jump Blues (jump blues)
9:00 - 10:00 Plena Es (*bomba y plena*)

Street Parade (John & Merrimack)
3:40 - 4:10 Parade – Aqua String Band
(Philadelphia Mummies' parade)

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performance schedule

WELCOME TO THE CELEBRATION!



WALKING MAP
CRAFT, FOOD & PERFORMANCE
SCHEDULE

TRADITION, FOOD, MUSIC & ART
LOWELLFOLKFESTIVAL.ORG

Boarding House Park
12:00 - 1:00 Angkor Dance Troupe
(traditional Cambodian dance)
1:15 - 1:35 Tarniriik (Inuit throat singing)
1:50 - 2:45 Sri Lankan Dance Academy of NY
(traditional Sri Lankan dance)
3:00 - 3:45 Spencer Taylor & the Highway QC's
(gospel)
4:00 - 5:00 Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy
(Cape Breton and Ontario fiddling)
5:15 - 6:15 Lurrie Bell's Chicago Blues Band
(Chicago blues)
12:00 - 1:00 Boarding House Park
1:15 - 1:35 Sri Lankan Dance Academy of NY
(traditional Sri Lankan dance)
1:45 - 2:00 Boogie-Woogie Piano – Jason D. Williams,
Wilson Savoy (Savoy Family)
2:15 - 3:15 Qi Shu Fang Peking Opera (Peking Opera)
3:30 - 4:15 Charlie Walden (Missouri old-time fiddle)
4:30 - 5:15 Oi Pontoi (Pontic Greek)
5:00 - 6:00 Old Bay Ceili Band (Irish)

JFK Plaza
12:15 - 1:15 Spencer Taylor & the Highway QC's
(gospel)
1:30 - 2:30 Debashish Bhattacharya & Family
(Indian slide guitar)
2:45 - 3:30 Oi Pontoi (Pontic Greek)
3:45 - 4:45 Gibson Brothers (bluegrass)
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Saint Anne's Churchyard
12:00 - 12:20 Tarniriik (Inuit throat singing)
12:35 - 1:30 Gibson Brothers (bluegrass)
1:45 - 2:45 Fiddle Masters – Joel Savoy (Savoy
Family), Charlie Walden, Natalie MacMas-
ter & Donnell Leahy Clayton Campbell
(Gibson Bros.), Jim Eagan (Old Bay Ceili)
Rahim AlHaj (Iraqi oud)
3:00 - 3:45 World Rhythms: Percussion Traditions –
Subhasis Bhattacharya (Debashish
Bhattacharya), Issa Malluf (Rahim AlHaj),
David Lucca & Pierre Antonio Ramos
(Plena Es), Chum Ngeek, Sovann Chum, &
Song Heng (Cambodian)
Debashish Bhattacharya & Family
(Indian slide guitar)
5:00 - 5:45 John Moore

Boarding House Park
12:00 - 12:45 Old Bay Ceili Band (Irish)
1:00 - 1:45 Debashish Bhattacharya & Family
(Indian slide guitar)
2:00 - 2:45 Qi Shu Fang Peking Opera
(Peking Opera)
3:00 - 3:45 Jason D. Williams (rockabilly)
Deacon John's Jump Blues
4:00 - 5:00 (Jump blues)
5:15 - 6:00 Spencer Taylor & the Highway QC's
(gospel)
7:10 - 7:30 Parade – Aqua String Band
(Philadelphia Mummies' parade)
7:30 - 8:15 Gibson Brothers (bluegrass)
8:30 - 9:15 Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy
(Cape Breton and Ontario fiddling)
9:40-10:30 King Sunny Ade & His African Beats
(Nigerian Juju)

JFK Plaza
12:00 - 1:00 Dennis Polisky & the Maestro's Men
(Polish polka)
1:15 - 2:00 Ana Lains (*tado*)
Louisiana Dance Hall Party!
2:15 - 3:00 John Moore

Boarding House Park
6:30 - 6:55 Parade – Aqua String Band (Philadelphia
Mummies' parade)
7:15 - 7:15 Festival Kick-off
7:15 - 8:00 Savoy Family Cajun Band (Cajun)
8:15 - 9:00 Ana Lains (*tado*)
9:15 - 10:15 Deacon John's Jump Blues (jump blues)
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friday July 29