



Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission

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Southern Shore Music Festival features stellar lineup

This year's Southern Shore Music

Festival on Saturday, June 18, offers something for everyone—an established headliner in Leon Russell, who this year was named to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame—plus six other up and coming stars from several genres, including country, jazz, folk, rock, R&B and pop.

Russell, who lists piano, guitar and vocals in his musical arsenal, has been called a “rock and roll Renaissance man.” His half-century in music extends from his teen years in Oklahoma in the late fifties to his best-selling collaboration with Elton John in 2010, *The Union*. John, who has often cited Russell as an early influence in his own career, presented Russell the Hall of



Artists performing at the annual Southern Shore Music Festival, along with appearance times, are shown clockwise from bottom left: **Sharon Little**, 1:30 p.m.; **Jaimoe's Jasssz Band**, 2:30 p.m.; **Deer Tick**, 5 p.m.; **Leon Russell**, 6:30 p.m.; **Justin Townes Earle**, 3:45 p.m.; **Joel Plaskett and The Emergency**, 12:40 p.m.; and **Patty Blee**, 12 noon. Gates open at 11 a.m. at the Cumberland County Fairgrounds, 3001 Carmel Rd., Millville.



Fame Award on March 14.

Of Russell, one reviewer wrote, “His all-encompassing style ranges from raucous, gospel-inflected rock to heartfelt romantic ballads. He’s cut

albums of country and bluegrass music, delved into the Great American Songbook...and is recognized as one of the best

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Carmel Road to rock on June 18

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interpreters of Bob Dylan and even recorded with Dylan (*Watching the River Flow*) in the mid-seventies.”

Deer Tick is an American “indie” folk band from Providence, R.I., led by guitarist and singer/songwriter John McCauley. The term “indie” is derived from “independent” and refers to the small and relatively low budget labels on which the music is released and the do-it-yourself attitude of the bands and artists involved. The band also includes a drummer, two guitarists, and a keyboardist/ saxophonist. The group made its network television debut on the Late Show with David Letterman in 2010.

Justin Townes Earle, who hails from Nashville, Tennessee, is an “Americana” musician based in his hometown. “Americana” is described

as “American roots music based on the traditions of country,” according to the Americana Music Association. It is also called “alternative country.” Earle is a singer/songwriter and guitar-

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southernshoremusicfestival.com
Price: \$30 ; \$40 at Gate
Children 12 and under free
Hours: 12 Noon-8 p.m.*

ist who also was featured on the Late Show with David Letterman.

Jaimoe’s Jassz Band combines elements of jazz, blues, rock and roll and R & B. Their repertoire includes new interpretations of classic tunes as well as original songs. Jaimoe is featured on the drums, along with a guitarist and vocalist, bassist, key-

boardist and several horn players.

Sharon Little is a singer/songwriter from Philadelphia who specializes in pop, R&B and soul. Several of her songs have been featured on CBS programs, including *Numb3rs*, *NCIS*, and *The Good Wife*. The song “Follow that Sound,” from the album *Perfect Time for a Breakdown*, was chosen as the theme for the A & E series *The Cleaner*.

Joel Plaskett is a Canadian rock singer/songwriter/instrumentalist who favors indie rock, folk and folk rock. He performs both as a solo and with his backup band, The Emergency.

Patty Blee was born and raised in Brigantine. She’s an acoustic guitar-playing singer/songwriter who performs original material on her debut album, *Disguise*, which appeared in 2002.

Millville student wins art scholarship

Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries, Inc. has announced that the 2011 Annual Connie Jost Memorial Art Scholarship award winner is Jacob Tasker, who graduated from St. Augustine Preparatory in May. Jacob was selected by a panel of professional artists.

St. Augustine art instructor Lorraine Duta describes Jacob as an excellent student no matter what he pursues. His academic prowess is evidenced by his above-average achievements in a competitive college preparatory institution. Dutta notes that he is “quick-witted, honest, hard-working, and filled with a positive attitude.”

Jacob says that nature has had a huge impact on his life and art. However, Jacob’s activities have not been limited to academics and art. In a project called “Harvest of Hope” he grew vegetables in his family’s garden and donated them to needy people.

Jacob will attend Drexel University in the Fall of 2011. He is the son of Betsy and Kevin Tasker of Millville.

The Connie Jost scholarship was established in 1998 because the officers and trustees of Citizens United recognize the powerful advocacy role that art plays in preserving our natural heritage. The thousand-dollar scholarship is applied toward expenses related to the freshman year at a college or school of art.

Connie Jost was a well-known South Jersey artist whose pieces incorporated fish and other marine creatures. For application guidelines, write Tricia Dufford, 325 Methodist Rd., Newport, NJ 08345.

Photograph exhibit tells story

A photographic exhibit, “Ferracute Goes to China,” will open on June 25 at Frank Burton & Sons, 333 W. Broad St., Bridgeton, with a reception from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit will continue through September from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The exhibit tells the photographic story of Bridgetonite Oberlin Smith and his business, Ferracute Machine Co., and how they designed, built, shipped and set up an entire mint in the city of Chengtu for the Imperial Government of China in 1897-98.

More than 30 photographs by Sydney Bowen and Henry Janvier, who were part of the project, are included in the exhibit. The public is invited to the reception.

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