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A Celebration of American Roots Music
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WED JUNE 16 - SUN JUNE 18, 2023
French Azilum, PA

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6:15 -
7:45 PM



Erin McClelland Band

Jazz 'n Blues Troubadours

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Erin McClelland is truly a guitar virtuoso, but also a vocalist, a pianist and an educator, as he's on the music faculty at several regional colleges and he offers private classes as well. Along with teaching guitar, he also teaches piano and voice. Not restricted to sharing his talents in academia, Erin performs extensively at clubs and other venues throughout the northeast. Erin and his band will be part of the Friday events at SSSF, which we are calling, "The Guitar Virtuoso Special." We are dubbing Friday such as Erin will be preceded and followed by two other masters of the guitar- namely Little Toby Walker and Clarence Spady. Later in the year, Erin's band will be the headliner for this year's COTA fest in Delaware Water Gap, PA on Saturday night, September 9th.

Erin has studied with some of the greatest guitarists in the jazz world including Pat Metheny and Mick Goodrick. Erin attended Berklee College of Music in Boston where he graduated summa cum laude and later received his Masters at USC Los Angeles. His first guitar teacher was Spencer Reed, who now plays in Erin's band coming to SSSF.

We first heard Erin and his band playing at the famous jazz venue, The Deerhead in Delaware Water Gap, PA and were immediately taken by the consummate musicianship of the band. Erin's wonderful vocals compliment the instrumentation nicely.

Erin will come to SSSF with one of the masters of the jazz bass, namely Tony Marino of Scranton. Tony is mentioned with adulation amongst all musicians who know him- usually with such comments as -Tony is sort of beyond description. Spencer Reed is an amazing guitarist too, having been a regular at COTA for Decades. He's even played at Wyalusing during the North Branch Fest with his wife Nancy. The combo will be completed by the jazz drummer Chuck Cooper.

For the SSSF, the combo will be playing straight ahead jazz with selections geared for dancers but with a few funky dance tunes added for spice. Come to listen or be inspired to try out your dance moves on the new dance floor. To learn more about Erin visit his website, www.nepaguitar.com

Wait there's more! Stay until the after-hours (Starting around 9:45) for a jam session, when Erin and others will invite musicians or vocalists in attendance to join them for a swing/jazz jam.