SUSQUEHANNA SUMMER SOLSTICE FEST

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WED JUNE 16 - SUN JUNE 18, 2023 French Azilum, PA

SAT JUNE 17 8:30 -10:15 PM



Our headliner for Saturday night, June 17 is the amazing violinist, Mark Woodyatt of Dunmore, PA, who will be playing with his band, The Jazz Assassins at 8:45.

Mark is well known in the northeast as he's been playing for many years- including at the COTA Jazz Fest with the Gypsy Jazz Quintet of Scranton. The quintet recorded an impressive selection of Django Reinhardt tunes for a live album at the Deerhead Inn, in Delaware Water Gap, PA several years ago.

Mark started his training as a teen, studying with Amy Christian at Marywood University in Scranton. He attended several notable music camps as a teen, including one with Sally O'Reilly at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He also attend the PA Governor's School for the Arts in Erie, PA. He then attended the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY a four year stint.

No slouch to the recording process, Mark has appeared on over 100 recordings, most recently with The Kerry Kenny Band on an album titled, "Pinning Time."

Mark's band the Jazz Assassins includes Tony Marino on bass and Vince Marrone on guitar. The SSSF is calling Saturday night the "Swing-sation Saturday Special" as we will have two other bands preceding Mark that play jazz and swing.

As with Friday night at SSSF we will have an open jam session after Mark's band has finished. So it will be a chance for other musicians to sit in and play a few numbers.