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**2006 Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival Partners With New Tech:
FestivalLink.net To Offer Legal Downloads of Premier Music Festival
myradio to Broadcast Live From Newport Using RI-WINS Wireless Network**

NEWPORT, RI—FestivalLink.net is a new exclusive music download site that lets fans capture forever the magic of their favorite premier music festivals. It also lets fans who can't be there experience the energy and excitement of live performances. FestivalLink.net does that by letting music lovers purchase legal, full-length recordings from the nation's premier music festivals. The site is a collaborative effort among FestivalLink, LLC, Airshow Mastering, an award-winning post-production company in Boulder, Colorado, and festivals throughout the U.S.

The Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival, to be held in Newport, Rhode Island August 4, 5 and 6, is one of the festivals to partner with the new site. Fans who register at the festival will receive a free download.

For years, fans have "bootlegged" live music concerts. There are two monumental problems with bootlegging: first, artists and songwriters aren't compensated for the recordings. The other is the questionable sound quality of bootleg concerts. Despite the drawbacks, fans bootleg because they want to capture a memorable musical event. Now, with FestivalLink.net, fans can have professionally recorded and legal copies of their favorite musical experiences.

An all-pro recording team will capture every note at Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival in high-resolution audio, in stereo and multi-track. After the festival, the recordings are carefully mixed and mastered, to capture the spontaneous genius, surprise players, and one-of-a-kind solos that make these live events so special.

"We love festivals – the give and take between the musicians and the audience in the open air can lead to some inspired music," says Ann Blonston, General Manager of FestivalLink. "We're glad we can capture those special moments and share them with Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival's many fans, including those who can't be here this year."

Some of the best roots and Americana musicians in the world are participating in Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival and their performances will be available on FestivalLink.net. Bob Jones, Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival senior producer says, "We respect the music created by the artists at Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival. All downloads we will offer will be approved by the artists—and the artists will be paid fairly for that download."

Downloads will be available in Mp3 format at 128 kpbs resolution and will play on any Mp3 compatible audio device. Downloads will also be available in FLAC, a popular "lossless" format that is decoded on computer. It can then be loaded onto any personal player or burned to CD at full-resolution. And finally, FestivalLink.net will also offer physical CDs of performances.

Also, this year, the Newport Folk Festival and **myradio** will be using the **RI-WINS** (wireless network) which is the Business Innovation Factory's first collaborative innovation project, to access the internet. Providing essential internet connectivity on site at Fort Adams will enable the festival to operate efficiently during the first two weeks of August while conducting business at Fort Adams State Park, and it will also enable **myradio to stream live performances**, post recorded material and update the myradio website during the festival. **RI-WINS** is a project to make Rhode Island the first state in the country with a border-to-border wireless broadband network.

"By providing MVYRadio with access to the network, the RI-WINs team will have the opportunity to see the network perform in an environment that is quite different from other pilot applications. It is a good example of what's to come as the project gears up for state-wide roll out," says Business Innovation Factory founder and Chief Catalyst Saul Kaplan. "As a bonus, we get to help bring the live excitement and entertainment of this important and internationally known Rhode Island-based cultural institution to a much wider audience." Kaplan is also the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, a partner in the RI-WINs project.

The RI-WINs network will provide significantly better coverage than wireless coverage in past years. The network will cover the entire venue, allowing broadcasters to stream performances from the festival's two small stages and even capture on-the-fly interviews with artists and fans.

RI-WINs partner Stratum Broadband, a broadband services consulting company located in Medway, Mass, is providing technical consulting services and support for the Newport Folk Festival pilot application.

Having a highly visible event like the Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival as a case study for the RI-WINs' project provides advantages to all three parties.

The Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival lineup is as follows:

Friday, August 4, 8 pm, at the International Tennis Hall of Fame, **Ronan Tynan** and **Cherish the Ladies** will perform.

Saturday, August 5 from 11:30 am - 7:00 pm at Fort Adams State Park: **David Gray, Rosanne Cash, Sonny Landreth, Bettye LaVette, Chris Smither** and **The Duhks** will appear on the Dunkin' Donuts Stage; **Sonya Kitchell, Mary Gauthier, song circle with Chris Smither, Darrell Scott and Jeffrey Foucault, Darrell Scott** [solo] and **Rosalie Sorrels** perform on the Harbor Stage; **Beólach, Hot Toddy, Blue** and **Pendragon** perform on the Waterside Stage.

Sunday, August 6, also from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm at Fort Adams State Park: **Indigo Girls, The Meters, Madeleine Peyroux, Keller Williams, Patty Larkin** and **Tim Eriksen presents Shape Note** all perform on the Dunkin' Donuts Stage; **Odetta, David Rawlings, Grace Potter & The Nocturnals, La Guitarra** featuring **Patty Larkin, Mimi Fox & Muriel Anderson, Tim Eriksen & Riley Baugus** and **Cabin Dogs** appear on the Harbor Stage; **The Wood Brothers, Riley Baugus** [solo], **Song Circle with Martyn Joseph, Bob Franke, Antje Duvekot & Kerry Grombacher** and **Abigail Washburn** are set to appear on the Waterside Stage.

TICKETS: Tickets to the **Ronan Tynan** and **Cherish The Ladies** evening concert at 8 pm, August 4th at the Newport Casino, International Tennis Hall of Fame, 194 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI, are **\$30, \$45, \$60 and \$75**.

General admission tickets to Fort Adams State Park events August 5 and 6 will be \$55.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children between 2 and 12 either day. Children under 2 will be admitted free of charge. Individual adult tickets go to \$59.00 for Saturday or Sunday on festival weekend, if available. **A limited number of Adult 2-Day Saturday/Sunday tickets for \$95.00 and Adult 3-Day tickets for \$120.00 are also available (while they last).**

WHERE TO GET TICKETS:

For **NEWPORT AREA PATRONS**, the festival ticket office is located at 770 Aquidneck Avenue in Middletown. Cash, checks and major credit cards are accepted. Call **(401) 847-3700** for more information and current office hours. Starting this year, tickets will also be available at the **Newport County Convention & Visitors Bureau** located at 23 America's Cup Avenue in Newport.

All Tickets are also available on line at <http://www.ticketweb.com/>, by phone at **(866) 468-7619** and by mail. To order by mail send a check or money order for the ticket cost plus a \$4.00 handling charge per order to: Dunkin' Donuts® Newport Folk Festival, P.O. Box 1221, Newport, RI 02840.

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