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**NEW EVENTS, NEW SPONSOR & NEW CONNECTIONS at the
2005 DUNKIN' DONUTS® NEWPORT FOLK FESTIVAL!**

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With two brand new events and a lineup full of collaborations, the Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival is proud to announce its 2005 program, from Thursday, August 4th through Sunday, August 7th. Only in Newport could **Elvis Costello and The Imposters, Emmylou Harris, Bright Eyes, Patty Griffin, Richard Thompson, Bela Fleck, Odetta, Kasey Chambers, Ray LaMontagne**, and many more, share the stage—all on the same bill, and **all playing full sets**.

“The support of our new sponsor Dunkin' Donuts has been tremendous,” said Executive Producer George Wein. “Their partnership has helped make this year’s lineup stronger than ever.”

Bringing Elvis Costello and the Imposters to the festival for the first time is a dream come true, said Associate Producer Nalini Jones. “The Newport stage has hosted the world’s greatest songwriters and performers, and Elvis Costello absolutely belongs in that company. And to have Emmylou Harris and Bright Eyes on the same day is nothing short of phenomenal.”

“All the programs were created to encourage cross-over,” she continued. “That’s what makes a festival special: the chance to hear your favorite artists play together. Emmylou also sings with Conor Oberst (Bright Eyes). Conor will reunite onstage with his touring buddies M. Ward and Jim James for the only time this summer. And on Saturday, Bela Fleck (and his Acoustic Trio) will play in double set with Del McCoury and his band—that will be a spectacular jam.”

With master musicians Richard Thompson, Larry Campbell, Kaki King, and Buddy Miller also on the bill, this year’s festival is a string summit no fan can afford to miss.

New Event: The 2005 festival kicks off on Thursday, August 4th at 7 pm with a rare screening of Murray Lerner's 1967 film "FESTIVAL!", a filmed record of the Newport Folk Festival from 1964 through 1966. "FESTIVAL!" is one of the finest music documentaries ever shot, perfectly evoking the atmosphere of the event and the changing mood of the times, and featuring footage of Joan Baez, Johnny Cash, Pete Seeger, the Staple Singers, the Paul Butterfield Blues Band, Howlin' Wolf, and Bob Dylan in his first ever appearance with an electric band.

"This is an incredible glimpse of our history," commented Wein. The film will be shown at historic Jane Pickens Theater at 49 Touro Street in downtown Newport.

On Friday, August 5th, the festival will present Arlo Guthrie and Nanci Griffith—a pairing exclusive to this event—at the International Tennis Hall of Fame. The concert marks the 40th Anniversary of Guthrie's unforgettable "Alice's Restaurant," a tale-in-song about the Vietnam draft which he premiered at the Newport festival. He returns in 2005 with an updated version and has called upon Abe Guthrie, Gordon Titcomb, and the Mammals to join in the celebration. Griffith, who will perform a full set of her own, has topped the Americana Radio charts this spring with her latest release, "Hearts in Mind," an album connected in spirit, at least, to "Alice's Restaurant," since it is dedicated "to the memory of every soldier and every civilian lost to the horrors of war."

On Saturday, August 6th, the festival moves to beautiful Fort Adams State Park [from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm]. The lineup on the Dunkin' Donuts and Borders stages includes **Richard Thompson** (solo acoustic); **Patty Griffin**; **the Bela Fleck Acoustic Trio** featuring **Bryan Sutton & Casey Driessen**; **the Del McCoury Band**; **Ray LaMontagne**; **Odetta**; **the Holmes Brothers**; **The Kennedys**; **the Lonesome Sisters**; **Caitlin Cary & Thad Cockrell**; **Teddy Thompson**; and **Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion**. Or dance all day to the rollicking string bands of the Waterside Stage: **Foghorn Stringband**, **Jim & Jennie and the Pinetops**; **the Wiyos**; and the Cajun sounds of **Jesse Lege & Bayou Brew**.

On Sunday, August 7th, the Dunkin' Donuts and Borders stages [from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm] will host **Elvis Costello**; **Emmylou Harris**; **Bright Eyes**; **Kasey Chambers**; **Buddy Miller**; **Jim James**; **M. Ward**; **Jane Siberry**; **Old Crow Medicine Show**; **Jim Lauderdale**; **Kaki King**; and **Larry Campbell**. On the Waterside Stage, don't miss **Old School Freight Train**; **Hot Buttered Rum String Band**; **Woody Russell**; and a very special return of **The Mammals** to the stage they helped inspire.

"Every one of these artists is so talented in his or her own right, from Odetta to Ray LaMontagne," said Jones. "But what makes the lineup dynamic are the connections they share. Jim James (of My Morning Jacket) has played with Bright Eyes, who has played with Emmylou Harris, who has played with Patty Griffin, who has played with Buddy Miller, who has played with so many people that we have an entire song circle made up of his friends! We have a father and son with Richard and Teddy Thompson; a father and daughter with Arlo and Sarah Lee Guthrie. Many of these artists have worked together offstage too, in support of social and political causes (such as a Landmine Free World). And we look forward to the new connections, the ones that will be forged onstage at the 2005 festival."

Dunkin' Donuts will be title sponsor of the "Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival" through 2007.

Jon Luther, CEO of Dunkin' Brands, Inc., noted that "Dunkin' Donuts and the Newport Folk Festival share some common characteristics: we're both from the heart of New England and have reputations for quality and authenticity. We're grounded in tradition, yet have a real appetite for innovation. We're proud to sponsor this legendary event and to play a role in continuing its legacy of bringing energy and excitement to the American music scene."

The festival also welcomes back Borders Books & Music as the sponsor of the Borders Stage, which once again highlights the very best songwriters across several genres.

TICKET INFO: <http://www.ticketweb.com/>

HOW MUCH & WHEN ON SALE:

- Tickets for the **Thursday, August 4 film: "FESTIVAL!"** at the Jane Pickens Theatre, 49 Touro Street in Newport will be \$15. **These tickets go on sale Thursday, May 19 at 10 am.**
- **Tickets** to the *previously announced* **Arlo Guthrie** and **Nanci Griffith** evening concert at 8 pm, August 5th, [at the Newport Casino at the International Tennis Hall of Fame, 194 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI] are **\$30, \$45, \$60 and \$75 and are already on sale.**
- **General admission tickets to Fort Adams events August 6 and 7** will be \$48.00 for adults on Saturday, August 6 and \$58.00 for adults on Sunday, August 7; \$5.00 for children between 2 and 12 either day. Children under 2 are admitted free. **A limited number of Adult 2-Day Saturday/Sunday tickets are available (while they last) for \$90.00.** Adult tickets go to \$53.00 for Saturday and \$63.00 on Sunday on festival weekend, if available. **Tickets to Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7 at Fort Adams State Park go on sale on Thursday, May 19 at 10 am.**

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.
- **All Tickets** are also available at <http://www.ticketweb.com/>, by phone at **(866) 468-7619** and by mail. To order by mail send 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.

For **The Dunkin' Donuts Newport Folk Festival**, go directly to <http://www.newportfolk.com/>.

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