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SLUG: **Second installment of the 2007 Sugar Maple Concert Series
March 16 features best fest blues bands**

Madison, WI - Many Madisonians likely agree that Old Man Winter's latest blows are leaving his relentless cold and snowy weather on thin ice.

But thanks to a deal with the Devil, organizers of Madison's annual Sugar Maple Traditional Music Festival are poised to offer the perfect remedy for chronic cabin fever.

Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective (FLTMC), the not-for-profit promoters of the festival, along with co-sponsor 89.9fm WORT, welcome the second installment of the '2007 Sugar Maple Concert Series' which serves as an on-going warm-up to the early August festival.

On Friday March 16, 2007, Bloodshot Records' blues artist Devil in a Woodpile (Sugar Maple Fest 2006, 2004) return from Chicago. The trio plays 20's and 30's style hillbilly blues, hot jazz, and ragtime music. Madison native Joel Paterson and vocalist/multi-instrumentalist Rick "Cookin'" Sherry will be toting along every last one of their back-porchy blues gizmos and guitars, clarinets and cazoos, washboards and widgets. And for the first time in three previous Madison shows, Devil will feature upright bass player Tom Ray (Poi Dog Pondering, The Bottle Rockets and The Waco Brothers).

Duluth's country-blues standout **Charlie Parr** (Sugar Maple Fest 2005) will open with his raspy, slide-blues, solo stomp. Show starts at 9:30pm at the High-Noon Saloon, 701A E. Washington Avenue in Madison. Tickets available at the door for \$10, ages 21 and over.

"The concert series aims to celebrate the past, present and future of the annual Sugar Maple Festival," says Evan Murdock, president of FLTMC. "In essence, our traditional music fan base will have a chance to see performers that have played, or will play, the festival stage."

A portion of the Sugar Maple Concert Series' proceeds will help produce the 4th Annual Sugar Maple Traditional Music Festival set for August 3 - 4, 2007 at Lake Farm County Park in Madison. Contact www.fourlakesmusic.org or 608/227.8685 for more information.

Looking ahead, **Friday April 27, 2007**, FLTMC welcomes **Steppin' In It** from Lansing, Michigan to the High Noon Saloon. They are an acoustic quartet who pound out their own brand of roots combining old-time country, swing and blues playing what Performing Songwriter Magazine calls "some of the liveliest and most rocking acoustic roots music around." Sharing the bill are 2006 Sugar Maple festival favorites, **Mike and Amy Finders** (say finn-ders), a duo that blends acoustic bluegrass, folk and country styles with their award-winning original songs and superb singing. In 2005 they rose above 1,154 entries to win first place in the gospel category of the Chris Austin Songwriting Contest, Merlefest (NC). Madison's newest twang-around-the-collar, **The Dirty Shirts**, jump-starts the night at 9pm. The April 27 show will officially announce 2007 Sugar Maple Music Festival lineup, and have discount earlybird tickets and camping passes for sale.

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Our Mission Statement: Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective is a non-profit organization supporting the art of traditional music and dance throughout the greater Madison community. We provide educational and performance opportunities that bring together people of all ages to celebrate diverse musical traditions.

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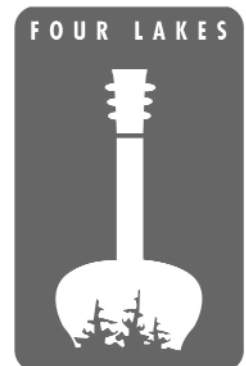
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