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Madison, WI - Organizers of Madison's annual Sugar Maple Traditional Music Festival plan to spread the popularity of its music and dance offerings into the off-season and throughout 2006.

Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective (FLTMC), the not-for-profit promoters of the festival, are developing the 'Sugar Maple Concert Series' for various venues and dates surrounding the late July festival.

"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."

In recent years, FLTMC has promoted several traditional music events that have served to ramp-up promotions and raise money for the annual festival. In May 2005, Devil in a Woodpile returned to Madison by popular demand from their 2004 festival premiere and in support of their newest CD. In October 2005, Bloodshot recording artists Jim & Jennie and the Pinetops played with 2005 festival performer Jack Norton at the High Noon Saloon.

Will Jim & Jennie be at the 2006 festival?

"Perhaps," says Murdock. But he adds artists for the third annual event will be kept secret until early spring 2006.

Murdock does confirm the first installment of the 2006 Sugar Maple Concert Series is scheduled Thursday January 26, 2006 at the High Noon Saloon. The a foot-stomping double-bill will bring back another popular 2005 festival performer, Foghorn Stringband who's old-timey, fiddle frenzy brought more than 600 people to their feet at the 2005 festival. The Wilders, with their infectious brand of country honky-tonk tunes, will also perform.

A portion of the Sugar Maple Concert Series' proceeds will go towards the 3rd Annual Sugar Maple Traditional Music Festival set for July 28 - 29, 2006 at Lake Farm County Park in Madison.

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# FOGHORN STRINGBAND



# THE WILDERS



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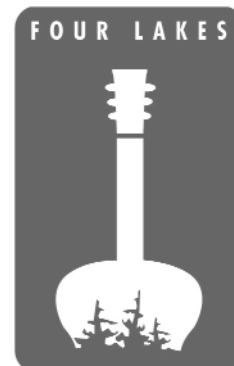
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