## Welcome

This summer's concert series is year number four of a productive collaboration between Watersong Music and the

town of Bowdoinham. The growth and enthusiasm in the Waterfront concert series is just a part of new growth and change in the town. Another generation has come here to cultivate a life for themselves. History shows that this is a reoccurring theme. Before the Europeans arrived it was a "Merrymeeting" place for the indigenous people who were here first. Bowdoinham is just a name given to an intersection of fertile ground, natural resources and endless waterways. The Industrial Age brought the railroad to this waterfront where all these pieces came together.

The Bowdoinham Historical Society is a treasure trove of pictures, artifacts and stories of all that has gone on here before. An appreciation for history is often allocated to older generations who savor the "good old days", but to borrow from a famous song, "these are the good old days"! and again a young, vibrant population is bringing life to the shores and the fields and village of the "Ham". When winter shut down the farmers market this last year Watersong Music was able to give the space to Hanna Burroughs and her baker/husband Reeves Wood for the selling of their terrific bread and croissants on Saturday mornings. It very quickly became a happy breakfast club for the whole town. Now the Merrymeeting grange hall on Main St. has taken on new life, rising again with the resurgence of a young population investing their lives in agriculture, which was the source of life and purpose of the grange movement over a hundred years ago.

This spring there is great excitement for the opening of "The Three Robbers", the name of a great restaurant and gathering place. The name is a nod to a dramatic piece of Bowdoinham history. In 1866, the Village Bank was robbed by three men – a fourth drove a getaway horse and carriage. In those days there was no depositors insurance and the whole town was devastated.

The new non-profit group in town called Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative is a collection of like-minded people who see the real value and speciality of the land and the people that make the town. Their mission is to give life to the hopes and dreams of the farmers, artisans and entrepreneurs who make up our eclectic community.

So, welcome to our concert series. It our "Dinner and a Show". The clans come and gather on the shores of the Cathance River, feast, beat the drums, and take great joy in our connection to the land, the water, and each other.

Thank You "Friends of Merrymeeting Bay".



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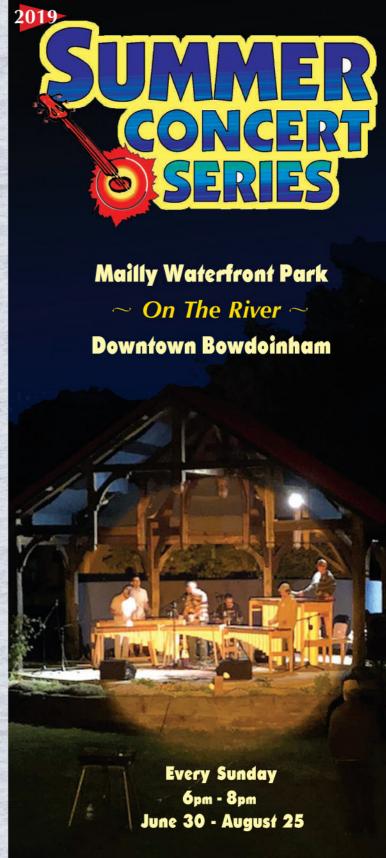




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ON THE COVER:

Maine Marimba Ensemble performs in the Gazebo. Photo by Margot Frost.



# 2019 SCHEDULE OF CONCERTS

Mailly Waterfront Park - Downtown Bowdoinham

- Events start at 6pm in the gazebo unless otherwise noted
- Rain date for each event is the following Wednesday
- See "Town of Bowdoinham" on Facebook for weekly updates

#### June 30

EARL BIGELOW & THE

Detroit hits Bowdoinham as the re-vamped Blues Buzzards crew drives that motor city sound



Food Vendor

BOWDOINHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Committed to keeping the history of this riverside town alive







Members within the retirement community playing doo-wop, folk and country music

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Aug 11

CRIBSTONE.



Playing a mix of eclectic-acoustic flavored tunes from blues to folk to Celtic, rock, country and iazz

Food Vendor

RESORATIVE JUSTICE **PROJECT** 



### July 7

# MAINE MARIMBA ENSEMBLE



Performing complex polyrhythmic arrangements of Zimbabwean music on handcrafted marimbas

Food Vendor

BOWDOINHAM **PUBLIC** LIBRARY

#### **Open Farm Day & Art Trail**

FARM Studio visits 9am-4pm More info at:

**TOURS** · Waterfront Barbeque www.bowdoinham.com





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Intergalactic Yurt Band playing songs of love, heartbreak and celebration

at 6:00pm:

JIMMYJO & THE Cajun Louisiana with JUMBOL'AYUHS ayuh accent



Aug 18

Pretty Girls

A beautiful folk/acoustic trio in the vein of Ioni Mitchell and Allison Krause



Food Vendor



A non-profit run by volunteers helping to find homes for dogs

#### July 14

One hot band Scott Davis Big Band of top jazz musicians taking the audience on a hard driving, hard swinging musical iourney

Food Vendor

TBD



Classics from the past 50 years with blended harmonies and delicate instrumentation



Food Vendor





An entertaining folk grass/Americana quartet with amazing close vocal harmonies

**Food Vendor** 

Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative

Two Saturday night performances

Aug 10

## LUMINARIES UNDER THE L

Best of



A wide range of music showing the work and accomplishments of Watersong musicians

MELLOWTONINS



Peter Gallway

The Real Band

With Peter's 2018 return to Maine, the resurgence of The Real Band has been unstoppable!

Open stage at 8:00pm contact Earl at Watersong 607-9027 to perform. Peter Gallway will follow at 9:00pm



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