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## Jam session

### Record numbers to pour into Detroit Lakes for 10,000 Lakes Festival

By Janie Franz  
Special to the Herald

Record numbers are expected at this year's 10,000 Lakes Festival set for Wednesday through July 22 in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Not only is the lineup loaded with jam, but it contains some of the heavyweights in the genre: Phil Lesh (an original member of the Grateful Dead), Trey Anastasio (formerly from Phish), Beneveto-Russo Duo (appearing with Mike Gordon, also from Phish, and in a big combined band with Anastasio called G.R.A.B.), Medesk Martin and Wood, String Cheese Incident, Umphrey's McGee, and Great American Taxi (with Vince Herman from Leftover Salmon). Into this mix are rock road warriors Big Head Todd & the Monsters, The Samples, O.A.R. and Shooter Jennings (Waylon's son).

If that isn't enough, add in a generous portion of twisted, strung-out bluegrass from Railroad Earth, Hot Buttered Rum, Trampled by Turtles, Cornmeal and Stealin' Strings, as well as some of the best jam, jazz, funk, blues, reggae, world and experimental bands, both touring and regional.

Of particular note are acts such as Garaj Mahal, Moses Mayes, The Wood Brothers and Papa Mali. Garaj Mahal, out of Chicago, brings a mix of sitar, guitar, bass, keyboards and drums into a jazz and world blend. Moses Mayes, from Winnipeg, has a truckload of performers, toting in traditional rock instruments (drums, bass and guitar) along with keyboards, horns, hand percussion and turntables. Their sound is funky jazz.

Oliver Wood of The Wood Brothers is a roots songwriter and resonator guitar player. Along with his brother, Chris (of Medeski Martin and Wood), they offer gutsy, bluesy lyrics and inventive bass runs. Finally, Papa Mali is a young Dr. John, keeping his audiences enthralled with Louisiana swamp blues and rock.

Other acts will add visual spice. The Mutaytor is a big multimedia stage show that is being hyped as jam's Cirque du Soliel.

Illumination will play with fire in several nighttime appearances throughout the week's events. Accompanied by drums, members dance with fire, twirl it, juggle it, eat it and blow it. And Mystik Toys will do spinning and juggling demos as well as teach anyone who wants to learn just how they do it.

#### Camping out

Camping amenities are numerous this year. There will be family areas in each campground, along with vendors and a festival general store for ice, festival merchandise and camping supplies.

The Lake Sallie and Blue Ox/Viking campgrounds also will feature entertainment tents where you can see many of the regional bands in acoustic sets.

Adding to campers' comfort this year will be The Morning Remedy. Experienced instructors will lead participants in an hour of yoga, tai chi and toning at 9 a.m. Thursday through July 22 at Lake Sallie for no charge.

Children 12 and younger can learn to drum in special lessons at 1 p.m. Friday in Lake Sallie's entertainment tent. An advanced class will follow at 2 p.m. Bring your own drum. Lessons are free.

The Joy Toners will lead festivalgoers in a drum circle and chanting at 1 p.m. July 22.

Like many other jam festivals, the 10,000 Lakes Festival this year has made a conscious decision to be mindful of the land on which the festival is housed.

Joining with Renewable Choice Energy, the festival has purchased wind power certificates. That means that everything powering the event - from vendor and stage





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