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Artists and Events Set for the 2nd Annual Lake Erie Folk Fest

The Shore Cultural Centre and the Northeast Ohio Heritage Music Association (NEOHMA) have booked exciting artists and planned a rich offering of hands-on workshops for the **2nd Annual Lake Erie Folk Festival (LEFF)** scheduled for **Saturday, February 25 beginning at 1:00pm**. The roots based music festival received enthusiastic reviews after its conception in 2016. It will take place at the Shore Cultural Centre, in downtown Euclid.

The LEFF features, from **1:00-6:00pm, FREE** workshops, demonstrations, jam sessions, mini-concerts and activities for young people. Some of the artists featured will be Rachel & the Beatnik Playboys providing live music for swing dancing, a drum workshop with Tam Tam Magic, beginning and advanced old-time banjo with Mark Olitsky, and mini concerts by Brent Kirby and Irish band The Auld Pitch. The free, daytime activities will take place throughout the Shore building that once was Shore High School, built in 1913 & 1924 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

An evening concert at 7:30pm in the Shore Auditorium will feature Cleveland blues artist **Austin Walkin' Cane**, Akron folk/rock group **Shivering Timbers**, Ohio resident and *The Voice* contestant **Emily Keener** and Tuvan throat singers **Alash**. Alash performs the indigenous music of their homeland, Tuva, featuring the ancient art of throat singing.

Tickets for the concert are **\$10** and can be purchased on-line at www.shoreculturalcentre.com, at the Shore Cultural Centre main office and at the door. Advance ticket purchase allows for an earlier entrance for seat selection.

Food will be available from 12noon until 7:30pm in the Culinary Bistro on the ground floor of the Shore Cultural Centre. The Bistro is both a working restaurant and classroom for students enrolled in the Euclid Culinary Arts Program run by Chef Daniel Esquivel, former executive chef at the Chagrin Valley Country Club.

The LEFF performance site, Shore Cultural Centre, is located at 291 E. 222 St., Euclid. The festival is a collaboration between the Shore Cultural Centre and the Northeast Ohio Musical Heritage Association, which produces the Blue Sky Folk Festival.

Sponsors for the Folk Fest are Village Blacksmith, Inc., Studio Strings and the Char and Chuck Fowler Family Foundation.

Visit www.lakeeriefolkfest.com and www.shoreculturalcentre.com for more information.

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Evening Concert, 7:30pm,

\$10, 12 and Under Free

Austin Walkin' Cane <http://www.walkincane.com>

Shivering Timbers <http://www.shiveringtimbersmusic.com>

Emily Keener <http://www.emilykeener.com>

Alash (from Tuva) www.alashensemble.com

Free Daytime Events, 1-6pm:

Brent Kirby - Mini Concert

Andrew Bonnis & Christine King - Mini Concert

The Auld Pitch - Mini Concert

Stand Bayou Reunion - Cajun Dance

Rachel Brown and the Beatnik Playboys - Swing Dance

Tam Tam Magic - Drumming Workshop

Sheela Das - Beginning Ukulele Workshop

Mark Laskey - Advanced Ukulele Workshop

Mark Olitsky - Beginning Old-Time Banjo Workshops

Paul Kovac - What Makes Bluegrass Tick

Bob Frank - Blues Guitar Workshop

Cajun 101 Jam

Irish Community Jam; Irish Ceilidh; Irish Stepdancing

Community & Gospel Sing

Plus more - full schedule at www.lakeeriefolkfest.com
