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BIG MUDDY FOLK FESTIVAL

The Big Muddy Folk Festival Committee has announced the artistic lineup for its 14th annual event, April 1 and 2, noting the return of some festival favorites and a plethora of ensemble performers. The festival features a wide diversity of musical traditions and styles with concerts Friday and Saturday evenings and daytime workshop sessions on Saturday. In addition to historic Thespian Hall, the festival has grown to include as venues Turner Hall, and First Presbyterian and Christ Episcopal churches.

Friday's concert lineup includes: the Forresters, traditional and early country fiddling from Nashville; traditional Ozark singing by Judy Domeny; champion Kiowa and fancy dancing from the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers; traditional Appalachian songs and fiddling from Ginny Hawker and Tracy Schwarz; and the music of local festival organizers Cathy Barton, Dave Para and Bob Dyer. An old time dance will follow the concert at Turner Hall. Saturday's evening concert will include the return of the Columbia Klezmer group The People's Republic of Klezmerica; song wit and guitar wizard Mike Agranoff; the global polyrhythmic sounds of One Drum; Barton, Para and Dyer; and the eclectic bluegrass adventures of Spontaneous Combustion. Workshops on Saturday will include traditional dance music and native and world dances, ballads, gospel and humorous songs and a series of close-up concerts. Terry Smith's Big Muddy BBQ will help round out the festivities and its attendants. Tickets are \$20 for each evening and \$35 for both nights. In recent years, tickets for the evening concerts have been virtually sold out a week before the festival. Sponsored by the Friends of Historic Boonville, with generous support by the Missouri Arts Council and the Isle of Capri. For more information, call 660-882-7977, or write P.O. Box 1776, Boonville MO 65233.