

Flat Rock Music Festival begins next week

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Next weekend (September 25-27) marks the 14th annual occurrence of the Flat Rock Music Festival, which is held in nearby Flat Rock, NC (obviously) at Camp Ton-A-Wandah.

The festival typically hosts a plethora of bluegrass and southern-Appalachian style singer-songwriters. This year the headlining bands for the festival include: Jim Lauderdale (Grammy winner), Belleville Outfit, Lake

Street Dive, Now You See Them, Pale Young Gentlemen, The Claire Lynch Band and Hobex. Other locally renowned artists playing at the festival include: Michael Reno Harrell, Moon Shine Babies, Sam Anderson, Rock Killough and Gove Scrivenor.

Speaking as a person who has attended the festival the past 5 years (and already has tickets for this year), I can personally

attest to the incredible atmosphere, music and overall experience that this festival offers. Attendees of the festival can plan to meet some interesting, salt-of-the-earth

people, eat some great food provided by local eateries, drink good beer, check-out the renderings of many local artists at the festivals open air market and also enjoy some great bluegrass and traditional Appalachian style music.

Ticket prices for the festival are as follows: a full-weekend camping pass costs \$100; Friday tickets cost \$35, Saturday tickets cost \$45 and Sunday tickets cost \$25. However, if I were to make a personal recommendation, I would suggest that if you plan to attend the festival, you buy a weekend camping pass. Although it looks pricey, the experience of the festival well outweighs the cost of a ticket.

For additional information about the festival, go to www.flatrockmusicfestival.com or, talk to me.



A Haiku Tribute to Patrick Swayze



I won't forget the
time you jump kicked that guy off
the motorcycle

-Forrest McCuller
Special Contributor

So long, Patrick Swayze, and thanks for "Ghost"

Comic by Karam Boeshaar

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