

Vienna Union Hall News

Two Great Shows

Katahdin Valley Boys

Katahdin Valley Boys, one of Maine's most popular and respected bluegrass bands, return to the Vienna Union Hall on **Saturday, May 18** at 7:00 PM in Vienna, Maine. Their repertoire features tight harmonies and smooth solos. They take pride in presenting audiences with top quality traditional and contemporary Bluegrass and Gospel music including numerous original tunes since 1998. The Katahdin Valley Boys were honored as recipients of the "Bluegrass Band of the Year" award for 2012 by The Maine Country Music Association and in 2008, 2009, and 2011 by the Maine Academy of Country Music. Each



member brings many years of experience and professional showmanship with hard driving, traditional Bluegrass sound. The Boys are unique in that all four band members are featured instrumentally and vocally in each set of every show.

The Katahdin Valley "Boys" include Ken Brooks on guitar and vocals, Dan Simons on mandolin

and vocals, Jeff Folger on banjo and vocals and Steve Bixby on bass and vocals.

Dan Simons of Vienna is a well-seasoned musician who plays Bluegrass Mandolin, sings lead and harmony vocals, and is a talented guitar player. He draws from a wealth of experience having played with several roots and bluegrass ensembles, and various local groups. He has a great sense of fun and humor. His banter throughout the show keeps you smiling. Dan joined The Katahdin Valley Boys in 2016.

Jeff Folger is a native of Sidney, Maine. A towering lead and tenor harmony singer, Jeff plays the 5-string banjo in a traditional, hard driving style. The classic sounds of Ralph Stanley, Earl Scruggs and J.D. Crowe have been a major part of his musical influence. Jeff has been performing since 1993 and has been with the Katahdin Valley Boys since 1998 as a founding member.

Ken Brooks calls Athens, Maine home. Ken was honored by the Maine County Music Association as an inductee into the "Country Music Hall of Fame" in 2012! His superb rhythm and lead Guitar picking along with lead and harmony vocals enhance the band's all around sound. Ken brings a wealth of experience and vast repertoire to the band. Performing since 1965.

Steve Bixby plays the Upright Bass, performs much of the MC work, and adds his vocal work to the show. Originally from Ashland, Massachusetts, Steve lives on the Pemaquid Peninsula in Round Pond, Maine. Steve caught the Bluegrass bug in 1978 and began playing Bluegrass Bass in 1980. An accomplished Bass player and recording artist, he has performed with several well known

Bluegrass acts and at numerous Bluegrass Festivals throughout the Northeast.

Pat Pepin Band

Award winning vocalist and saxophonist **Pat Pepin** will be performing with her band at the Vienna Union Hall on **Saturday, June 15** at 7:00 PM. She is without a doubt one of the most entertaining blues performers around. Pat has worked all her professional life as a vocalist, sax player, songwriter and music teacher. With a career that spans over 25 years, Pat has three times represented the Maine Blues Society in the International Blues Challenge, produced three CDs and now has a tour schedule that includes shows and



festival appearances up and down the east coast. Her 2010 CD release "In It For the Long Haul" was a top 4 finalist for the Best Self-Produced CD as part of the 26th IBC in Memphis, Tn.

Pat now lives in Hallowell. Her band members include: Mark Horn and Frank Dionne.

Pat has won numerous accolades including:

- Finalist - 2010 International Blues Challenge Best Self-Produced CD "In it for the Long Haul"
- 2009 Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise "Mojo Boogie" Award recipient
- International Blues Challenge competitor 2002, 2004, 2008 - Memphis, TN

- Annual Children's Program, Maine Blues Festival
- 2008 South Florida International Blues Festival
- Raising the Blues workshops for hospitalized children – Boston, MA / Portland Maine
- North Atlantic Blues Festival, Rockland, ME
- Waterside Blues Festival, Ft Pierce, FL
- Featured artist on WCSH6 television show "207", Portland, ME

Tickets for both shows are now on sale. \$12.00 locally or \$13.00 online. For information and tickets call 293-2674 or 293-2362 or email: viennaunionhall@gmail.com. Online at the [Vienna Union Hall website](#) under "arts and events".

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More Upcoming Events

- July 19 - [Jonathan Edwards](#) 7:00 PM
- July 25-27 - [Historical Society Plays](#)
- August 2-3 - Vienna Players (Plays)
- August 8 - [Village Harmony](#) (Thursday) 7:30 PM
- August 16 - [The Sunday Project](#) 7:00 PM
- August 24 - [Bearnstow Dancers](#) 7:30 PM
- September 13 - [Gawler Family Band](#) 7:00 PM
- October 12 - [Mark Mandeville & Rianne Richards](#) 7:00 PM
- December 21 - Winter Revels 7:00 PM

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