



## Performers at the Lowell Folk Festival 1987 - 2007

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lowell Folk Festival, Lowell, MA – 2007

The Lee Boys- sacred steel  
Eileen Ivers Band- Irish  
The Aravod Ensemble- Armenian  
Wacongo Dance Company- Congolese drumming and dance  
Lost Bayou Ramblers- Cajun  
No Speed Limit- bluegrass  
Dorado Schmitt & The Django Reinhardt Festival All Star Band- Gypsy jazz  
James Hand and the Magic Band- Honky-tonk and country  
Gonzalo Grau y La Clave Secreta- Latin dance music  
Diunna Greenleaf and Blue Mercy- blues  
The Eastern Sound Orchestra- Polish polka  
The Beaudoin Project- Franco American  
Forró for All- Brazilian *forró*  
Marcus Santos and BatukAxé- Brazilian percussion ensemble  
Old New England- New England contradance  
Kevin Locke- Lakota hoop dance and flute  
Durga Krishnan and The New England School for Carnatic Music- South Indian *veena*  
Edmar Castaneda- Colombian harp  
Troy MacGillivray, Allan Dewar and Doug Lamey- Cape Breton  
Johnny White & The Country Masters- New England Country & Western  
Steven Greenman & The Moldavish Ensemble- Moldavian klezmer  
Olympic Melodies- Greek  
Ponleur Cheath- Khmer wedding ensemble  
Boi Bumba- Brazilian ox-dance

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lowell Folk Festival, Lowell, MA – 2006

1. The Quebe Sisters (Texas Fiddle / Western Swing)
2. Maestro's Men (polka)
3. Le Vent du Nord (Quebecois)
4. Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys (Cajun)
5. Hayden Thompson & The Rhythm Rockers (Rockabilly)
6. Dan Paisley & Southern Grass (bluegrass)
7. Los Pleneros de la 21 (Puerto Rican bomba y plena)
8. Liz Carroll & John Doyle (Irish)

9. Git - Hoan Dancers (Traditional Alaskan Tsimshian song and dance)
10. Kekele (Congolese - African)
11. Jim Alberti Flea Circus (flea circus - street performance)
12. Inca Son (Peruvian)
13. Hot 8 Brass Band (New Orleans Brass Band)
14. Eddie Pennington (Kentucky thumbpicker)
15. Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano (Mexican mariachi)
16. The Bullock Brothers (gospel)
17. Ana Vinagre (Portuguese fado)
18. John Roussos Band (Greek)
19. Calderone/Boncore (Italian/American)
20. Yorick Marionette Theater (Czech marionette puppeteer)
21. The Bobby Parker Band (blues)
23. Broto Roy (Indian raga and rhythm)
22. Chinese Folk Art Workshop (Chinese Lion/Dragon Dance)
24. Forbes Flyers (championship jump roping)

### **19th Annual Lowell Folk Festival, Lowell, MA - 2005**

Bluegrass Dale Ann Bradley  
Irish Solas  
Cajun Kevin Naquin & The Ossun Playboys  
Blues Nora Jean Bruso  
Malian music Mamadou Diabate Ensemble  
Korean dance, drumming and music Sounds of Korea  
Quebécois La Bottine Souriante  
Italian parade band The Roma Band  
Rockabilly/Blue Ridge piano Jeff Little  
Old West Saloon piano Dave Bourne  
Boogie-woogie piano Daryl Davis  
Bulgarian Tatiana Sarbinska  
Congolese/Cuban Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca  
Greek The Hellenic and Near Eastern Musical Society Orchestra  
Mexican calentano Los Caracuaros  
Slovenian Polka Joe "GRKMANIA" Grkman Band  
Rockabilly Bill Kirchen  
Cape Breton fiddle Joe Cormier  
Armenian David & Levon Ayriyan

### **18th Annual Lowell Folk Festival, Lowell, MA - 2004**

Calyпсо The Mighty Sparrow  
Franco-Canadian step dance Gilles Roy and the Stepping Ambassadors  
Colombian vallenato Sensacion Vallenata con Gustavo Nieto  
Cajun Gypsy Swing Red Stick Ramblers  
Piedmont blues Warner Williams and Jay Summerour  
Tuvan Throat Singing Huun Huur Tu

Irish Kevin Burke  
Appalachian Cana Ramblers  
Rockabilly Dale Hawkins  
Texas-Czech Polka Mark Halata and Texavia  
Reggae The Abyssinians  
Bluegrass JD Crowe & The New South  
African American gospel brass The Bronx New Heaven Shout Band  
Western Swing The Time Jumpers  
Puerto Rican jibaro Ecos de Borinquen  
Irish accordion Joe Derrane  
Greek Ta Pethia  
Chinese Lion Dance Shao Lin Hong Gar Martial Art Academy

### **17th Annual Lowell Folk Festival, Lowell, MA - 2003**

Scottish Old Blind Dogs  
Blues Lonnie Brooks  
Zydeco Keith Frank and The Soileau Zydeco Band  
Puerto Rican bomba y plena / salsa Viento de Agua  
Bluegrass Alternate Roots  
Acadian Vishten  
Appalachian Eddie Bond, Wayne Henderson, Kirk Sutphin, Herb Key  
Cowboy poet Glenn Ohrlin  
Irish Ballads Danny Doyle  
Arabic Sharq Arabic Music Ensemble  
Rockabilly Kenny Bill Stinson  
African American Gospel The Paschall Brothers  
Tibetan Dance Chaksampa  
Polish Accordion Gary Sredzienski  
Greek Panegyri  
Polish Polka The Polka Family Band  
Filipino music and dance Iskwelahang Pilipino Rondalla of Boston  
Ivorian Dance Kotchegna Dance Company  
Scottish Pipe Band Tulach Ard Pipe Band  
Irish Winifred Horan and Friends  
Jam Band Donna the Buffalo  
Chinese Dulcimer Ensemble Boston Chinese Youth Dulcimer Ensemble  
Star-spangled banner John Robert Murphy  
Brazilian Samba parade Samba Tremeterra  
Chinese Lion Dance Woo Chin Lion Dance Troupe

### **16th Annual Lowell Folk Festival, Lowell, MA - 2002**

Country Dale Watson and His Lone Stars  
Irish Danu  
Cajun Charivari  
New Orleans Jazz Bob French's Original Tuxedo Jazz Band

Blues Shemekia Copeland  
Puerto Rican Los Pleneros del Coco  
Gospel Quartet Stony Point Quartet  
Quebécois Enterloupe  
Polish Polka The Crusade with Eddie Biegaj  
New Orleans Parade Band Treme Brass Band  
Armenian Jack Zarzatian Ensemble  
Bluegrass The Dismembered Tennesseans  
Greek The Peter Kyvelos Ensemble  
African American Gospel Quartet The Silver Leaf Quartet  
Cambodian Dance The Angkor Dance Troupe  
 Song Hang and Cambodian Musicians  
Native American Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers  
Cowboy and Western songs and stories Wylie and the Wild West  
 Chuck Milner

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lowell Folk Festival, Lowell, MA 2001

Jazz Aaron Flagg Quartet  
Irish Solas  
 Seamus Connolly and Tommy Peoples  
Zydeco Nathan and the Zydeco Chachas  
Eastern European Music Harmonia  
Cape Breton Jerry Holland and Friends  
Piedmont Blues John Jackson  
Tejano Mingo Saldivar  
Blues The Holmes Brothers  
Jankanoo Bahamas Jankanoo Revue  
Klezmer Jinny Marsh's Hot Kugel Klezmer Band  
African American Gospel The Bullock Brothers  
Malian music Cheick Hamala Diabete  
Polka Rink Entertainment  
Cuban Soneros La Familia Valera Miranda  
Cajun Michael and David Doucet  
Greek The Kostas Taslis Band  
Cambodian Rithy Uong and Friends Cambodian Music  
Columbian Vallenato Los Macondos de Colombia  
Bluegrass Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys

### 14th Annual Lowell Folk Festival, Lowell, MA 2000

Irish Music Eileen Ivers  
Polka Steve Meisner  
Cape Verdean Morna Fantcha  
New Orleans Piano Henry Butler  
Cape Breton Music Beolach  
Texas Swing The Texas Playboys

Dominican Merengue Joaquin Diaz  
Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar Ledward Ka'apana  
Bluegrass Appalachian Trail  
Zydeco Chris Ardoin & Double Clutchin'  
"Travis" Style Thumbpicking guitar Eddie Pennington  
African-American Gospel Horace Clarence Boyer and the Year of Jubilee 3  
Greek Music and Song The Original Grecian Keys  
Quebecois Music, Song and Dance Matapat  
Chinese Rod Puppetry Yuquin Wang and Friends  
Native American Storyteller Dovie Thomason  
Italian Processional Music The Roma Band

### **Lowell Folk Festival - 1999, July 23-25, Lowell, MA**

Irish Singing Sean Keane  
Native American Mohawk The Flint Nation Singers  
Tex-Mex-Czech Brian Marshall and His Tex-Slavik Playboys  
Texas Rockabilly Ronnie Dawson  
Colombian Vallenato Accordion Ivan Cuesta y sus Baltimore Vallenatos  
Cape Breton JP Cormier  
Austin Blues WC Clark  
Piedmont Blues Cephas and Wiggins  
St. Louis Gospel Fontella Bass  
United House of Prayer Gospel Shout The Angels Shout Band  
Latin Jazz Mili Bermejo with Dan Greenspan  
Western Swing Hot Club of Cowtown  
Venezuelan Merengue The Mauro Tortolero Ensemble  
Bulgarian Wedding Music The Yuri Yunakov Ensemble  
Bluegrass IIIrd Tyme Out  
Cajun Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys  
Indian Kalbelia Dance Ramudi Sopera  
Persian Shahla Nikfal  
Brazilian Capoeira Dance Nago Gato Afro-Brazilian Ensemble

### **1998 Lowell Folk Festival, July 24-26, Lowell, MA**

Cambodian Ankor Dance Troupe  
Sava  
Irish Boston CCE Ceili Band  
J. O'Sullivan, B. Conway and T. Cuffe  
Rita O'Shea and Irish Dancers  
Rhythm and Blues Marva Wright and the BMW's  
Little Milton  
Salsa Los Pleneros Del Coco  
Greek The Original Grecian Keys  
Polka Lenny Gomulka and the Chicago Push  
Zydeco Bruce Daigrepoint Cajun Band

Bluegrass James King Band  
Contra Dance Harold Luce Trio  
Russian Tamara Voskaya and Anatoly Trofimo  
Cape Verdean John Monteiro  
Acadian Barachois  
Country Dalton Roberts and Johnny Bellar  
Honky Tonk Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun  
New Orleans Brass The Paulin Brothers Brass Band  
Gospel The Campbell Brothers  
Armenian Ayriyan Ensemble

### **Lowell Folk Festival 1997**

Gospel The Blind Boys w/Clarence Fountain  
Classic Country Don Walser and The Pure Texas Band  
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Bluegrass The Lynn Morris Band  
String Band/Blues Howard Armstrong  
Zydeco Geno Delafosse & French Rockin Boogie  
Latin/Caribbean Sol y Canto  
Zaire/Central African Samba Ngo  
Swedish-American The Edwin Johnson Family Fiddlers  
Klezmer Shir Delite  
Indian The Raga and Rhythm Ensemble  
Irish Joe and Antoinette McKenna  
Jesse Smith and Colm Gannon  
The Smith-Houlihan Academy of Irish Dance  
Ceili The Copley Ceili Band  
Polish Polka Henny and the Versa J's  
French-Canadian Les Frères Brunet  
Cape Verde Grupo Pilon Cola  
Portuguese-American Rancho Folklorico de Hartford  
Piano boogie Preacher Jack  
Puerto Rican Tolino

### **Lowell Folk Festival 1996**

Bluegrass Blue Highway  
Cajun Beausoleil avec Michael Doucet  
Blues Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson  
Boogie Woogie Marcia Ball  
United House of Prayer shout band The Third Heaven Shout Band  
Tap dancer Jimmy Slyde  
Mariachi Mariachi Los Camperos De Nati Cano  
Puerto Rican Los Pleneros del Coco  
Latin American Inca Son  
Irish Seamus Connolly  
Joe Derrane  
Indian Jothi Raghavan

A Cappella 4-part harmony The Birmingham Sunlights  
Native American The American Indian Music and Dance Troupe (Kiowa, Comanche)  
Red Heart Dance and Drum (Pan-Indian)  
Polka Stanky and the Coal Miners  
Portuguese Ana Vinagre  
Greek Ta Pethia  
Armenian Richard Hagopian  
Senegalese Mamay African Jazz Ensemble  
Hand Puppetry John Styles  
Vermont storyteller Mac Parker

### **Lowell Folk Festival -- 1995**

Zydeco Beau Jocque & the Zydeco Hi-Rollers  
Bluegrass Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver  
Boogie woogie piano Marica Ball  
R&B Soul The Legendary Orioles  
Piedmont Blues Warner Williams  
Irish Joe Derrane  
Vietnamese The Perfume River Musicians  
Native American Chuna McIntyre (Yup'ik)  
Rockabilly piano Jeff Little  
New Orleans/Second line ensemble Li'L Rascals Brass Band  
German Polka Karl & the Country Dutchmen  
Québécois Stephan Landry, Norman and Benoit Legault and Michel Faubert  
Cape Verde Ice  
Celtic fiddle Frank Ferrel  
Cape Breton fiddle Joe Cormier  
Brenda Stubbert  
Armenian The Mal Barsamian Ensemble w/ Richard Berberian  
Greek The Merakia  
Mariachi Mariachi Guadalajara  
Gospel Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver  
The Fabulous Bullock Brothers  
Clarence Thompson, Sr. and the New Spirits of Boston

### **Lowell Folk Festival -- 1994**

Cambodian Angkor Dance Troupe  
Dixieland Doc Paulin's Jazz Band  
Country Claire Lynch and the Front Porch String Band  
Portuguese Ana Vinagre  
Brazilian Brasileirinho  
Armenian The Mal Barsamian Ensemble with Richard Berberian  
Irish Seamus Egan & Friends  
Polka Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones  
Native American Gayle Ross (Cherokee storyteller)  
French-Canadian Rita Paquin

Zydeco Boozoo Chavis  
Hawaiian Hula Hula Halau O'Lilinoe  
Bluegrass The Johnson Mountain Boys  
Southern Rail  
Andean Inca Son  
Cajun D.L. Menard and the Louisiana Aces  
Rockabilly Sleepy LaBeef  
Greek John Roussos and Friends  
Blues/R&B Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson & the Magic Rockers

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Indian Jothi Raghavan  
Vietnamese Vietnamese Dragon Dancers  
Dominican Republic, merengue Tony Acosta y sus Tipicos  
Puerto Rican, bomba Celia Ayala y su Ballet Folkorico Cultural  
Cape Verdean Tropical Power  
Greek The Contemporary Greek Ensemble  
R&B The Bluzbusters w/ Frankie Lee  
Tamburitza Jerry Grcevich and Friends  
Cowboy, poetry, songs & lore Buck Ramsey w/ Joe & Donna Stephenson & Lanny Fiel  
Irish Liz Carroll, Billy McComiskey and Daithi Sproule w/ John Timm  
Cajun The Savoy-Doucet Band  
Gospel Vergie Kelly, Horace Boyer and David Marshall Jackson  
Blues R.L. Burnside and the Sound Machine  
Clawhammer Banjo Leroy Troy  
Bluegrass The Bluegrass Band  
Native American Kevin Locke (Lakota Sioux)  
Southern Scratch (Tohono O'odham)  
Anglo-American folk song Margaret MacArthur  
Czech Puppeteer Vit Horejs  
French-Canadian/Acadian Josée Vachon  
Acadian Florence Martin  
Vietnamese Vietnamese Dragon Dancers  
New Orleans Brass Band The Pinettes

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Blues/Jazz Charles Brown  
Canadian Fiddle Ben Guillemette  
Greek Makredes Ensemble  
Chineses dulcimer Zhentian Zhang  
Brazilian Capoeira Camara  
Puerto Rican Plena Los Pleneros Del Batey  
New Orleans/brass band The Algiers Brass Band  
Bluegrass Laurie Lewis & Grant Street  
Fingerpicking Guitar Eddie Pennington

Appalachian Banjo Tony Ellis  
English pub songs Cliff Haslam  
Polka Walter Solek  
Storytelling Bob Murphey  
Irish Jack Coen  
Zydeco Rockin' Dopsie  
Scottish Songs Norman Kennedy  
Gospel New England Pentecostal Crusade Choir  
Sea Chanteys The Menhaden Chanteymen  
Cape Verdean Music Tropical Power  
Skiffle Sunshine Skiffle Band  
Gaelic The Rankin Family  
Punch & Judy John Styles

### **Lowell Folk Festival 1991**

A capella The Persuasions  
Irish Michael Flatley and the Freeborn Irish  
The Irish Masters (Seamus Connelly, Paddy Keenan, Pat Kilbrade)  
Cambodian Prem Nymith  
Country/ Traditional Peter Rowan and Jerry Douglas  
Tim and Mollie O'Brien  
Ugandan Samite  
Maine Storytelling Jeep Wilcox  
Polish-American Mike Piorek Orchestra  
Luthuanian Luthuanian Folksong Quartet  
Rhythmn and Blues/ Rock n Roll Johnnie Johnson  
Cajun Zydeco The Louisiana Aces  
Armenian Richard Hagopian  
Puerto Rican Plena Los Pleneros del Coqui  
Greek The Merakia  
Vietnamese Vietnamese Dragon Dancers  
Mariachi Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano  
New Orleans Jazz Brass Band Treme Brass Band  
Fife and Drum The Sons of the Whiskey Rebellion  
Old Time Greg Hooven and Back-Step Band

### **Lowell Folk Festival 1990**

Acadian Gerry Robichaud  
Bluegrass Allison Krauss and Union Station  
Jazz Fiddle Claude Williams  
French-Canadian Les Franco-Américains  
Appalachain Guitar Wayne Henderson  
Greek Te Pethia  
Coumbian Ivan Cuesta y sus Vallenatos Autentico  
Polka Stanky and the Coal Miners

Adirondack Bill Smith  
Rockabilly/ Rock n Roll The Sun Rhythmn Section  
Senegalese Djimo Kouyate  
Native American The Badland Singers (Dakota Sioux)  
New Orleans Jazz The Rebirth Brass Band  
Cape Breton Natalie MacMaster with Dave MacIsaac, Jackie Dunn, and Buddy MacDonald  
Irish Cherish the Ladies  
Cajun Zydeco Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys  
Blues The Holmes Brothers  
Puerto Rican Plena Los Pleneros de Yucayeque  
Armenian Mel Barsamian

### **51st National Folk Festival 1989, Lowell, MA**

Cajun Zydeco Beausoleil  
Gospel Quartet Birmingham Sunlights  
Crucian Blinky and the Roadmasters  
Paraguayan Los Cantores Guaranies  
Irish Cuchullan (James Keane, Seamus Connelly, Mick maloney, Seamus Egan)  
French-Canadian Les Franco-Américains  
L'Ensemble Quebecois with Nicole Bombardier and Cara Blaise (Quebecois)  
German Polka John Fritzler and the Polka Band  
Blues John Jackson  
Bluegrass Allison Krauss and Union Station  
Cambodian Lowell Cambodian Dance Troupe and Classic Mucic Ensemble  
New England Dance Harold "Chuck" Luce with Nick Hawes  
Cowboy Poetry Wally McRae  
New Orleans Mardi Gras Chief Jake Millon and the Mardi Gras Indians  
Country Bill Neely  
Vermont Poetry Mac Parker  
New Orleans Jazz Doc Paulin's Dixieland Jazz Band  
Polish Polish Highlanders  
Italian Sicilian Sicilia Antica  
Portuguese Ana Vaigre, Manuel Leite and Alvaro Medeiros

### **50th National Folk Festival 1988, Lowell, MA**

Native American American Indian Dance Theatre  
Blues John Cephas and Phil Wiggins  
Joe and Odell Thompson  
John Dee and Janice Holeman  
Irish Cuchullan with Dierdre Goulding  
Willam Garvey and Robbie O'Connell  
Old Time Clyde Davenport with Willard Anderson and Bobby Fulcher  
Hawaiin Halau Hula O Mililani  
Armenian The Hye Echoes with Susen and Gary Lind-Sinianian  
United House of Prayer Kings of Harmony

Ghanaian Ko Nimo and his Adadam Agofomma  
Mexican Jarocho Los Pregoneros del Puerto  
Cambodian Angkor Dance Troupe and Music Ensemble  
Acadian Maine Fiddler's Convention with Monique Leger  
New England Storytelling Captain Kendall Morse  
Bluegrass Nashville Bluegrass Band  
Vietnamese Nguyen Dinh Nghia Family  
Greek Panopoulos Brothers Orchestra  
 Ta Pethia  
Caribbean Panorama Steel band  
Portuguese Grupo Folclorico Lusitanos  
 Our Lady of the Angels  
 The Lowell Portuguese Ensemble  
Brazilian Roots of Brasil  
Puerto Rican Jibaro Son de Borinquen  
Tex-Mex The Texan Cowboys  
Cajun Zydeco Wayne Toups and Zydecajun

### **49th National Folk Festival 1987, Lowell, MA**

New England Storytelling Cora Barwell  
French-Canadian La Famille Beaudoin (Quebecois)  
Italian Calabrian Calabria Bella  
Mexican Los Campesinos de Michoacan  
Cape Breton Masters of Cape Breton Music and Dance  
 (Buddy MacMaster, Maybelle MacQueen, John Campbell, Carl MacKenzie, Joe Cormier, Edmond  
 Boudreau, Harvey Beaton)  
Gospel A Cappella The Chosen Sisters  
Cape Verdean The Creole Sextet and the Cape Verdean American Folkloric Dance Troupe  
Irish Ellis Island Irish Band (Seamus Connelly, Helen Kiesel, Mathew Connelly, Jack Coen, James  
 Keane, Jesse Winch w/ Dierdre Goulding, Liam Harney)  
Cowboy Poetry Ernie Fanning  
Greek Ilias Kementzides and Panayiotis Vassiliades (Pontic)  
 Ta Pethia  
Cambodian Khmer Traditional Arts Ensemble  
 Lowell Angkor Dance Troupe and Traditional Music Ensemble  
Senegalese Djimo Kouyate  
Laotian Laotian-American Organization of Lowell  
Yankee Fiddle Pete McMahan and Charlie Walden (Missouri)  
 Ron E. West (Vermont)  
New Orleans Jazz Doc Paulin's Dixieland Jazz Band  
Puerto Rican Plena Los Pleneros de la 21  
Polka Polka Cuzzins  
Rockabilly Sun Rhythmn Section  
Cajun Zydeco Wayne Toups and Zydecajun  
Traditional Dulcimer Paul Van Arsdale