

*2016 Ozark Folk Festival Celebrates 69<sup>th</sup> Year*

The country's longest continuously running folk festival returns for the 69th annual Original Ozark Folk Festival on October 13 through 15 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. It will include the Barefoot Bash, Singer/Songwriter Contest, free music, arts and crafts demonstrations, and this year's headline show features Irish American folk rock band, The Elders.

The festival kicks off with a free performance on Thursday, October 13 at 7 p.m. at The Auditorium located at 36 S. Main St. Still on the Hill presents their Still a River concert, with story-songs about the people and history of the Buffalo River while it poignantly reminds us of what we cherish about our nation's first historic national river. The show is free and the first 100 people will receive a free CD.

Folk Art vendors will be set up in Basin Spring Park on Friday from noon until 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. featuring hand crafted wares from around the region.

An afternoon of free music in Basin Spring Park starts at 2 p.m. on Friday. The day kicks off with HuDost followed by Down Hill Strugglers at 3 p.m. and then Connie Dover and Kelly Werts will finish off the day at 4 p.m.

Friday night, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Hedgehoppers appear in the Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. with their traditional dance. The Barefoot Basin Bash kicks off in

Basin Spring Park at 7 p.m. Kick up your heels with music from surprise guests--one of Eureka's favorite Rockabilly bands.

The following day in Basin Park at 12 p.m. is the annual Singer/Songwriters' Contest with 5 finalists that have 15 minutes to perform his or her compositions for our judges. More free music follows with another performance by HuDost at 3p.m. and the Down Hill Strugglers at 4 p.m.

The headline show takes place on Saturday night at The Auditorium with The Elders. The Elders were founded in 1998 by six individuals with a passion for music rooted in Americana and Celtic folk rock. From the beginning The Elders seemed to be channeling something ancient and enduring – something unaffected by fads, trends and the giant maw of mind-numbing commercialism. Their ability to bring together the art of storytelling with elements both musically progressive and rooted in tradition, has won them a broad international fan base.

The Vogt Sisters, last year's singer/songwriter contest winners, will open up the show at 7 p.m. Tickets to the show are \$25 and available at [www.theaud.org](http://www.theaud.org) or at the door.

For more information, visit [www.ozarkfolkfestival.com](http://www.ozarkfolkfestival.com).

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