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Young Performers Will Show What the Future of Folk Sounds Like *Galaxie Young Performers Play Shady Grove on Today*

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Canada – The Winnipeg Folk Festival is proud to present the Galaxie Young Performers Program. Now in its 12th year, the program has seen hundreds of youths between ages 14 and 24 develop their musical talents through this mentorship and performance opportunity.

This year's group of 38 performers were hand-selected by a jury to work on their songs with mentors Kim Barlow and Anne Louise Genest of Annie Lou; David Wax and Suz Slezak of David Wax Museum; Nathan Lawr of the Minotaurs; and Andy White. They will spend Thursday, July 7 at the First Unitarian Universalist Church working on their music with the mentors and perform all day Friday, July 8 on Shady Grove Stage from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm.

Participants of the Galaxie Young Performers Program go on to take their music to new levels. In 2011 the festival is pleased to welcome the following program alumni as part of the main Winnipeg Folk Festival line-up:

- Jesse Matas of the Crooked Brothers
- Allison DeGroot, Rosalyn Dennett and Vanessa Kuzina of Oh My Darling
- Brandy Zdan of Twilight Hotel

This is Galaxie's second year as a presenting partner for the Young Performers Program. Their involvement reflects a strong commitment to supporting emerging musicians. As a result of Galaxie's support, all Canadian artists selected for the program have received bursaries. Galaxie is a continuous music network that offers 50 music channels of commercial-free music on TV to subscribers across North America.

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2011 Galaxie Young Performers Program Participants

Solo Artists

Rachel Ashley, *Graysville, MB*
Rio, *Winnipeg, MB*
Eli Bentley, *Twin Valley, MN*
Haley Carr, *Winnipeg, MB*
Lucas Chaisson, *Cochrane, AB*
Binaeshee-Quae, *Pic River, ON*
Larissa Desrosiers, *Fort Frances, ON*
Sonia Eides, *Winnipeg, MB*
Zoppa, *Matlock, MB*
Brittney Grabill, *Sherwood Park, AB*
Adam Hanney, *Winnipeg, MB*
Charlotte Kosc, *Argyle, MB*
Austin MacMaster, *Winnipeg, MB*
Cassidy Mann, *Winnipeg, MB*
Claire Morrison, *Winnipeg, MB*
Robert Mulder, *St. Albert, AB*
Joe Ordinary, *Ste. Anne, MB*
Rhianna Saj, *Stonewall, MB*
Owen Steel, *Halifax, NS*
Johnette Swan, *Winnipeg, MB*
Jonathan Todd, *Delta, BC*

Duos

Kacy & Clayton

Kacy Anderson, *Fir Mountain, SK*
Clayton Linthicum, *Glentworth, SK*

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Liam Duncan, *Brandon, MB*
Roman Clarke, *Brandon, MB*

Horizonme

Madison Reimer, *Stonewall, MB*
Cory Sulyma, *Stony Mountain, MB*



Bands

From Giants

Jaymie Friesen, *Steinbach, MB*
Charles Enns, *Winnipeg, MB*
Nathan Krahn, *Winnipeg, MB*
Gabriella Neufeld, *Winnipeg, MB*

Ingrid Gatin

Ingrid Gatin, *Winnipeg, MB*
Natalie Bohrn, *Brandon, MB*
Julia Watson, *Brandon, MB*

The Burning Kettles

Rebecca Hill, *Headingley, MB*
Charles Enns, *Winnipeg, MB*
Bryn Rieger, *Winnipeg, MB*
Erika Ulrich, *Winnipeg, MB*

About the Winnipeg Folk Festival

www.winnipegfolkfestival.ca

With one of North America's premier outdoor music festivals as its signature event, the Winnipeg Folk Festival is a year-round, not-for-profit arts organization that presents live music, arts events, and education and outreach programs designed to benefit the community. The 38th annual Winnipeg Folk Festival will take place July 6-10, 2011 in Birds Hill Provincial Park, Manitoba, Canada. The Winnipeg Folk Festival also operates a performance space and music store in Winnipeg's historic Exchange District.

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