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On Monday, May 6th, festival organizers were pleased to announce the launch of the first ever **Trail Folk Music Festival** in the Municipality of Grand Lake. The announcement took place in the Chamber Council offices in the town of Minto. It was with excitement and a true spirit of community that this announcement was made. A small group of dedicated volunteers forming an initial planning committee laid out a vision and plans for the festival, including announcing some of the acts confirmed already and the various stages and venues within the community. Planning is still very much in its early stages and a call out for planning committee members and volunteers was emphasized.

### General Description

**The Trail Folk Music Festival** is a new community focused folk music festival taking place August 16th through the 18th across multiple venues in Minto, New Brunswick - the first of its kind in the village. The festival idea was founded by dedicated music lovers and supporters of the Mountain Bike Minto trail system built on the historical coal mines in the community. Drawing inspiration from the rich musical and cultural roots of the community and blending them with the new opportunities the trails bring for celebration is the inspiration for this unique event.

The main objective of **The Trail Folk Music Festival** is to attract festival attendees from all over to come and participate in an annual celebration of music and culture and to experience the world class mountain bike trails that are here. The event is an opportunity to promote the wonderful community of Grand Lake and its community members, their hospitality, and rich history.

The festival will be unique and something entirely different from just a music festival. Trail experiences, camping, biking, food, a family day and nature will make this experience something innovative, compelling, and not to be missed. The festival organizers want the experience to be memorable unlike anything else in the province. The model will be creative in design and totally awesome for the participants.

Over 20 acts will be featured on the festival line up with all performances taking place in multiple venues over three days, including Tiny Trails taproom & campground, The Minto Legion, the trails network location itself, and in the downtown core at Veteran's Park. On Sunday, the family day will offer fun activities, scavenger hunts and, of course, more music.

Ticketed events for entertainment will be featured on Friday and Saturday while Sunday will be a community day with free concerts, activities and a family focus. The three-day passes will allow for access to every show at every venue, capacity permitting, while single day tickets will allow full access for that specific day. Tickets and the full festival program will be announced on June 1st with information on our festival website: <https://www.tinytrails.co/pages/trail-folk-music-festival>

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A glimpse at the artists booked for **The Trail Folk Festival 2024**. There will be more artists and performances added over the coming weeks. Be watching for updates on our web page and social media.

### **Jason Anderson:**

#### **Early evening Friday at Tiny Trails Main Stage**

New Hampshire born, New Brunswick based, Jason Anderson is an award-winning indie folk artist whose work is as anthemic as it is affecting. A poignant writer and consummate showman, Jason's songs are keenly-observed snapshots of emotion and experience, while his electrifying concerts celebrate the power of the here and now—both invitation and conversation, reflection and release. Personal and passionate, Anderson's music crackles with life.

### **Brent Mason:**

#### **Friday evening Headliner at Tiny Trails Main stage**

Brent has been nominated for and has won several East Coast Music Awards and Music New Brunswick awards including Folk Artist of the Year, Album of the Year and Songwriter of the Year. He is also the youngest recipient of the Stompin' Tom Award for his contributions to Atlantic Canadian music traditions. After 10 albums and thousands of performances, Brent is a unique performer, combining humor, spontaneity and intriguing, compelling storytelling. Brent's shows are entertaining and memorable; he takes audiences on a wild ride from tender sweetness and a deft touch with troubled characters, wry observations on politics, to spitting anger at the unjust forces that twist our world.

### **Troy McLagan:**

#### **Saturday afternoon early show Tiny Trails Main Stage**

Troy is a 2024 Canadian Folk Music award nominee in the instrumental category for his latest solo release, *Wood Steel and Bones*. This is a must-see performance for fans of acoustic music, that will surely help those fans of folk music get full enjoyment.

### **Taylor McDonald:**

#### **Early evening Saturday at Tiny Trails Main Stage**

Taylor MacDonald was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia where she has been surrounded by music from birth. Taylor

plays a mix of contemporary pop, folk and acoustic music, taking inspiration from female singer-songwriters like Joni Mitchell, Maggie Rogers, the Chicks and Taylor Swift. With her keen ear for harmonies, captivating vocals and skillful playing of both guitar and piano, a performance by Taylor MacDonald is sure to leave a lasting impression.

### **Kendra Gale:**

#### **Saturday evening Headliner at Tiny Trails Main stage**

St Andrews born and raised, Kendra's genius lies in the way she can stand her own whether she's leading a small jam circle or taking charge onstage at a packed venue her powerful pipes and unique style make every song she belts out her own, her standout performances are always the ones she crafts herself, drawing so deep into her personal experiences that you can't help but feel them in your bones. Her artistic talents and incredible voice make her a must-see performer no matter where she goes.

### **Downtown Blues Band with Landen Cormier & friends:**

#### **Saturday evening Gala at the Minto Legion**

After 37 years, the Downtown Blues Band is still one of New Brunswick's Premiere party bands. If you like to dance this is the band for you. The Downtown Blues band will headline the Saturday evening gala at the Minto Legion along with an opening show from Landen Cormier and Friends. Landen is a young outstanding Minto based artist performing with a number of other local friends and they are sure to make you dance all night long. The Downtown Blues Band mixes rhythm and blues with funk and good old rock and roll. The band is made up of seven talented musicians who also play in a number of other projects. They are a staple on the festival circuit having performed all over Atlantic Canada. The band features a powerhouse horn section along with harmonica, guitar, and multiple vocalists. They are the only band to have played all 34 years of the Harvest festival in Fredericton and is a staple on the local music scene.