

AMISH ACRES
Historic Farm & Heritage Resort
Nappanee, Indiana
Arts & Crafts Festival
Where Arts meet Folk & Folks meet Art



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It takes 5 stages to hold over 100 musicians and entertainers at Amish Acres Arts & Crafts Festival

NAPPANEE, Indiana, - July 21, 2010 - More than one hundred entertainers and performers have been assembled from near and far to fill four full days of free scheduled music and dance sets during the Amish Acres 48th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival Thursday, August 5th through Sunday August 8th. Visitors relax on bails of straw while, dancers, bluegrass bands, magicians, marionettes and Dan Barth's authentic medicine show entertain on five stages during the Nationally acclaimed event. Troupes of clowns, barbershop quartets, and accordionist, Jim Muciarelli stroll the grounds to delight children and adults alike as they shop the over 300 unique artist and crafters from 296 cities and 32 states.

Whether it be the old time banjo tunes of Lynn Frederick and the Knock Knock Hoosier String Band or the line dancers, cloggers, and square dancers, the rhythms and steps won't be that much different than they were forty-seven years ago on the streets of Nappanee when the festival was first started in front of Pletcher Furniture Village as a clothes line art show.

LaMonte's Gray Horse Band will present its 30th Reunion Tour in the Entertainment tent Saturday, August 7th. The band will include many of its original members and return to its acoustic roots for their three sets of the day.

Sheryl Brenneman will return as the original banjo player/singer. Duane Gundy, singer and mandolin player, now of Shavehead, on Lake Michigan returns as well. He will bring back the band's "On The Road Again-Rocky Top Days!" Bill Chester, bass, and LaMonte

Heflick's older brother VR, a member of the original band, will round out the original group. Hopefully Dexter Stutzman to join them from Ashville, NC.

Due Process will play popular country and classic numbers each of the four days of the event. Young and young at heart alike will enjoy kicking up their heels with square dancing called by Lynn Frederick of the Knock Knock Hoosier String Band.

For over twenty years, in the European and American tradition of the old-fashioned traveling sideshow, Chris Camp keeps the art of cracking the whip alive with his act that has made him three-time world champion, taken him to "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," and the "2007 Guinness Book of World Records" and "Ripley's Believe It or Not." He is also featured in the new film "Breaking and Entering." Chris performs historical feats including Dead Man's Chest, Cut Throat, The William Tell, and Blind Man's Bluff—and throws in a bad joke or two.

Martin's Super Markets becomes a first time sponsor of the event offering savings through discount vouchers available to its customers through all 20 of its stores in northern Indiana.

The Amish Acres Young Actors Studio cast from recent summer day camps will perform a selection of songs from *Cinderella* and *High School Musical* on the Stephen Gubi Children's Stage on Saturday, August 7 at 11:00 a.m. respectively.

Returning to the Dancin' Tent will be the Incognito Cloggers, Heartland Country Cloggers, and Tri County Kickers to keep your feet tappin'. Barbershop quartets and the ever popular Sweet Adelines women's barbershop chorus will capture the harmony of the show. Roving the grounds will be an assortment of lively entertainers including barbershop quartets New, accordionist Jim Muciarelli and clowns. Liza and Mark Woolever will stroll and take the stage dressed in period costume, playing Old English songs, American Bluegrass ballads and folk tunes from around the world. They play the fiddle, mandolin, ocarina, claw hammer banjo and the mountain dulcimer.

Children take center stage as the Stephen Gubi Children's Entertainment Tent will once again feature the internationally known Stevens' Puppets Marionettes and the timeless story *Beauty and the Beast*. A Festival favorite, The Nappanee Public Library will take the stage with an artistic inspired "Painter's Smock" featuring the old folktale "Renio in the Mud" story time and interactive "Artists' Palette Craft Time" featuring "Hot Rod Hamper," Magician Ken Ernsberger returns with his tricks and balloon art.

Indiana's shortest parade features a single fire truck from the Nappanee Smoky Stover's Volunteer Fire Department and a rag tag kitchen band leading the farm wagon filled with winners of the arts & crafts competition waving to the crowd.

When the Dancing Tent stage is quiet of tapping feet, Kathy Miller, director of historic interpretation, Amish Acres will give an Amish history presentation, Jackie Hughes will make a presentation of Northern Indiana Amish Country's Quilt Garden Project and Tour, and Russell Cook, multiple past Best of Show winner, will present a hammer dulcimer concert.

The Round Barn Theatre has a busy schedule throughout the four-day event with five performances of *42nd Street* and a Saturday matinee of the 24th anniversary production of *Plain and Fancy*. Cast members will be strolling the festival in costume performing vignettes throughout the event in addition to scheduled performances on the main stage. Call the box office in advance for additional times and reservations at 800-800-4942 ext. 2.

Admission charge is \$7 per adult, \$6 for seniors, students 12 – 17, and military. Children under 12 years are free. Discounted tickets may be purchase on line in advance at AmishAcres.com. All entertainment is free with gate admission. Free parking is available. Pets are not allowed on festival grounds. Amish Acres is located on Highway U.S. 6, one mile west of downtown Nappanee, Indiana. For more information call 800-800-4942 or on line at AmishAcres.com.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Richard Pletcher, founder and CEO, is available for interview.
Coverage invited.

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