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Jane's Addiction, Elvis Costello, Furthur Among Acts Set to Play Gathering of the Vibes Festival in July



Elvis Costello is one of the major acts announced for this year's Gathering of the Vibes festival in Bridgeport. (James O'Mara / March 14, 2011)

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Jane's Addiction, Elvis Costello & the Imposters and, of course, Furthur with Phil Lesh and Bob Weir are among the acts playing this year's **Gathering of the Vibes** at Seaside Park in Bridgeport, the

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jam-band festival announced Monday morning.

Other acts scheduled to perform include the Levon Helm Band, moe., John Butler Trio, Tedeschi Trucks Band, Dr. John and the Lower 911, Taj Mahal Trio, the Rhythm Devils with Keller Williams, Steve Kimock and Reed Mathis, Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk, Toots & The Maytals, Dark Star Orchestra, Ryan Montbleau Band, David Gans, King for a Day and Assembly of Dust.

Local bands the McLovins, and Bridgeport's own Deep Banana Blackout also perform. The New Mastersounds, Big Gigantic, and others to headline the Late Night Stage.

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"We've always pretty much gone from A-Z as it applies to musical genres," Ken Hays, who founded the festival in 1995 as a Grateful Dead tribute, said last week in an interview. "Everything from gospel to blues to straight-up rock 'n' roll. This year, we're going to expand the perimeters, if that makes any sense. We're going to branch out even further."

It's the festival's eighth year in Bridgeport. This year's version takes place July 21-24. Various options for tickets, camping, hotel rooms and VIP packages are available here.

Though the festival has grown over the years, Hays says Gathering of the Vibes has also remained true to its Deadhead roots.

"Back 16 years ago, it was very much about the Deadhead community," Hays said. "Gathering of the Vibes was created so the Deadhead community could celebrate the life of Jerry Garcia and the music of the Grateful Dead, and Jerry was always incredibly diverse in his musical likings. Bluegrass was his first love, and it evolved as he evolved. I think now, over the years, Gathering of the Vibes has really taken the same kind of evolution. We started very much at a Grateful Dead core, but consistent with Jerry, branched into all kinds of musical genres."



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