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Nimham Mountain Music Festival to benefit veterans May 11th.

30 April, 2013; Brewster, NY. H. G. Fairfield Arts Center presents the Nimham Mountain Music Festival on May 11th at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park in Kent, NY, to support the 13th Annual Chief Daniel Nimham Veterans Memorial PowWow and to raise money to help with the costs of “Bomber, PJ, & Beartracks,” a documentary about a veteran who was a Navy Seabee and is a biker, a veteran who is a comedian who served as a Navy Medic with the Marines, and a Marine who is a Cheyenne & VietNam veteran, and their incredibly surprising connections.

The Nimham Mountain Music Festival, the first of its kind at the Putnam park, features the Smithsonian Institute award winning Martha Redbone Roots Project band direct from the New Orleans Jazz Festival and en route to Lincoln Center. The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band’s John McEuen has produced Redbone’s latest album “Garden of Love”, which has earned kudos from music critics such as The Village Voice proclaiming Martha Redbone is “poised to be America’s next superstar.” Bethany Yarrow (the daughter of Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul, & Mary), Rufus Cappadocia, and Brahim Fribgane will also be playing as a trio at the festival: Donald Effman from *All About Jazz* says “Bethany’s voice is stark and powerful and calls forth the jazz & blues tradition and takes a listener around the world;” Rufus is renowned for his cross-cultural collaborations, taking the cello into previously unexplored realms; and Brahim is a Moroccan percussionist who has performed with greats like Puerto Rican conga player Giovanni Hidalgo, Pete Seeger, Paula Cole, and Harry Belafonte. The trio slides seamlessly between groove, world, blues, and traditional folk music. Opening the music stage will be Putnam’s own Nimham Mountain Singers (the Host of the Nimham PowWow) and closing the night stage will be the Hudson Valley’s own rock’n’roll powerhouse Iron Cobra.

Kids will be thrilled with the Pied Piper Pony Rides. Vendors will be there for last minute Mother’s Day shopping. Food vendors include BBQ, Indian Tacos, gelato, and deli fare. The Open Jam Session Tent invites area drummers and musicians to sit in and play 2-6pm. The gates open at 2pm, with music on stage from 6-10; suggested donation is \$25 at the gate. For more information or to register as a vendor, call 845-363-1559 or email office@HGFairfieldArts.org.

The documentary “Bomber, PJ, & Beartracks” with the US Military Veterans Motorcycle Club is a project aimed at helping veterans cope with PTSD and others effects of war. This film encourages healing of veterans and their families through humor, humanity, and heart. The film project dovetails with H. G. Fairfield Arts’ third year of working with Brewster Navy veteran PJ Walsh in their joint initiative Courage Continues At Home III. Their tour includes following the USMVMC NY4 from Wurtsboro, NY, to Oklahoma for a rendezvous with Cheyenne-Arapahoe US military veterans, while en route to the National Presidents’ Meeting of the USMVMC in San Antonio, TX. Come rally as a community! Have fun, dance, eat, drink, be merry, and show our communities we take care of each other.

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