

Howlin' at the Moon

CONCERT SERIES

The **Howlin' at the Moon Concert Series** is thrilled to feature *Everest Rising* and *Big Fez & the Surfomatics* on 6/20/2024, the first day of summer!

Located in New York's Capital Region, **Everest Rising** is a tightly-knit quintet influenced by bluegrass, Americana, rock, jazz and more. Together they create progressive acoustic music that is unique, powerful, and comfortably familiar. With a wide dynamic range, Everest Rising's material spans from heartfelt laments to all out jams, all executed with instrumental finesse and thoughtful story-telling.

As this summer's host of the Howlin' at the Moon Concert Series, Everest Rising aims to support an authentic musical experience for both audience and musicians. Music traditions are meant to be fluid and evolving — this concert series nurtures local and regional musical talent while providing opportunities for cross-pollination of musical ideas, all in an authentic setting that inspires and reminds us of our place within history.

Dressed in black suits, dark sunglasses and fez, **Big Fez & the Surfomatics** claims to have first hit the surf music scene in 1960. Due to musical differences, the band broke up in 1966, and has re-formed to bring the sound of the surf into the 21st century.

In real life, Johnny Fez is John Haggerty (6 and 12 string electric guitar and vocals). John has spent over 20 years touring the United States and Ireland in one of America's top Irish rock bands, *Hair of the Dog* (Billboard Magazine has called them "one of Irish music's biggest sellers"). During his off hours from Big Fez, you can find him performing with his new Irish band, *Get Up Jack*.

JB Fez is John "JB" Guay (drums, percussion and vocals). JB spent the early 80's touring the Northeast and Canada with the classic rock/original band *Bad Habit*. JB later played in *Oz*, a New York-based wedding and party band, and most recently played with classic rock band, *Hung Jury*.

Mikey Fez is Mike McLean (bass and vocals), actor /musician. Mike was a founding member of Irish group, *The Porters*. He also currently plays upright bass with Americana/Country Blues recording artists, *The Red Haired Strangers*. Mike's acting credits include the movie "Ironweed" (with Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep).

Knickerbocker Fez is Crick Diefendorf (guitar, steel drums and vocals). Crick is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music, and has been a professional musician and music educator since 1987. Crick is proficient in all styles of American popular music (jazz, country, rock and R&B) and well versed in African, Latin, Asian and European music. He co-founded the Boston-based eclectic acoustic band, *Made In the Shade* that performed through the U.S. and Europe. Crick can also be found performing with other popular bands *Get Up Jack*, and the *Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band*.

Take in The Howlin' at the Moon Concert Series at the Mabee Farm, part of the Schenectady County Historical Society, off Route 5S in Rotterdam Junction. Concerts begin at 7 and run until 9. Refreshments are available for purchase at the venue.