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## The Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival (The Clearwater Festival) June 16-17, 2018

### Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival

*Founded by Pete Seeger, Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival (The Clearwater Festival) Announces Lineup Featuring Wilco Frontman Jeff Tweedy, Ani DiFranco, They Might Be Giants, The Mavericks, Rhiannon Giddens of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, Hot Rize, Beth Orton, Langhorne Slim plus many more*

Tickets on sale now at [www.ClearwaterFestival.org](http://www.ClearwaterFestival.org).  
(Kids 11 and Under Free)

BEACON, NY– **Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival (Clearwater Festival)**, celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018. Prior to 1978, the Festival was a one-day event known as the Hudson Valley Folk Picnic. Revival is the country's oldest and largest music and environmental festival, bringing together major musical acts and Clearwater's own brand of green activism for a unique weekend every June. Clearwater Festival 2018, which takes place **on June 16 and 17, on the banks of the Hudson River at beautiful Croton Point Park, Croton-On-Hudson, NY** announces its initial line-up.

**DOUG RIDLOFF will be performing on Saturday, June 16th on Story Grove!!!!**([www.douglasridloff.com](http://www.douglasridloff.com))



What do you need to know about Doug? He likes: black coffee, street art and denim. He does: poetry, storytelling, emceeing and freestyling, all in American Sign Language. He is: a fearless visual artist, a poet, a performer, actor, consultant, producer, and the owner and executive director of ASL SLAM, ([www.aslslam.com](http://www.aslslam.com)) a monthly open mic event that is much more and isn't just happening in NYC but also in D.C., Chicago, and Orlando. Lately he has been: curating performances at museums such as the Whitney Museum, the Jewish

Museum, SITE Santa Fe and the 9/11 Memorial Museum. He's been traveling around the world to perform, Jamaica, Cuba, Finland, England, and in the States. He has done ASL consultation for film and TV with the likes of John Kraskinsky, Emily Blunt, Sam Rockwell, Donald Glover and Anthony

Edwards. Douglas was in NBC NEWS, Circa, HBO Vice, and CNN's Great Big Story for his work. He lives in Brooklyn, USA, raising two young boys with his wife, Lauren Ridloff, who is starring in the Broadway revival of Children of a Lesser God.

[ASL interpreters provided on all stages and available by request for the dance stage and activist area. Stop by and visit the ASL Booth at the entrance of the festival.](#)

A number of Clearwater's favorite artists will be returning this year including: [The Mavericks](#), [Ani DiFranco](#), [Tom Paxton](#) & [The DonJuans](#), [Tom Chapin](#), [Joanne Shenandoah](#), [David Amram](#), [Josh White Jr.](#), [The Mammals](#) (featuring Mike + Ruthy), [Jay Ungar and Molly Mason](#), [Dan Zanes](#), [The Nields](#), [The Kennedys](#) and Dance Troupe [The Vanaver Caravan](#).

Artists the Festival will welcome for the first time this year include: [Jeff Tweedy](#), [They Might Be Giants](#), multi-instrumentalist and vocalist [Rhiannon Giddens](#), bluegrass greats [Hot Rize](#) (celebrating their 40th year), British folk-rocker [Beth Orton](#), folk-country troubadours [Dave Alvin](#) & [Jimmie Dale Gilmore](#) (performing on stage together), critically acclaimed rocker [Willie Nile](#) and his band, husband and wife duo [The War and Treaty](#) and open vocal participation group [Choir! Choir! Choir!](#)

The Festival's parent organization, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc, continually looks to develop the next generation of environmental advocates into supporters of the organization. At the Festival, Clearwater fosters this by programming emerging artists who appeal to a younger demographic. This year, the Festival is excited to present: singer-songwriter [Langhorne Slim](#), NYC based chanteuse [Margaret Glaspy](#), folk/bluegrass band [Mipso](#), Latin music inspired indie band [Making Movies](#), indie folk band [River Whyless](#), UK based singer-songwriter [Jalen N'Gonda](#) and blues-country influenced singer-songwriter [Parker Milsap](#).

As part of the Festival's mission to present a diverse and culturally-rich roster of artists from around the world, Clearwater is proud to present: Egyptian human rights activist artist [Ramy Essam](#), Israeli singer-songwriter and activist [Yael Deckelbaum](#) & [Prayers of The Mothers Ensemble](#), Venezuelan singer [Betsayda Machado](#), Egyptian DJ and drummer [Karim Nagi's Turbo Tabla](#), Zydeco greats [Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience](#), [CJ Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band](#) and Cajun greats [Beausoleil avec Michael Doucet](#).

The Workshop Stage, which saw its debut at the 2017 Festival will be packed with dynamic workshops and performances featuring members of [Hot Rize](#), [Rhiannon Giddens](#), [Langhorne Slim](#), [Ramy Essam](#), [Yael Deckelbaum](#), [Beausoleil](#), [CJ Chenier](#), [Dave Alvin](#) & [Jimmie Dale Gilmore](#), [Mipso](#) and [Willie Nile](#) who will be leading a tribute to songs of Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen.

Visit [www.clearwaterfestival.org](http://www.clearwaterfestival.org) for a complete list of performers.

This year Clearwater offers some new ticketing options and procedures. **Either Day Passes**, a new option, which allows you to purchase a single day ticket and use it on either day of the Festival. **Youth Passes** are reduced-priced tickets for children from ages 12-17 years old. **Children 11 and under are still free.**

**Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival is a destination for music fans and families alike**, offering a plethora of family-oriented programming and activities and vendors for kids, including special performances on the **Family Stage**, juggling and roving artists, **Children's Area**, storytelling, river beach combing and net seining.

Other offerings that make the Festival experience unique and memorable include the **Working Waterfront**, offering rides on small boats and tall ships including the sloop *Clearwater* and the schooner *Mystic Whaler*. **The Handcrafters' Village** showcases over 50 crafters and folk artists with quality hand-made items, demonstrations and workshops. The **Green Living Expo** is the place to learn about sustainable products, services, concepts and technologies for informed lifestyle and business choices. The **Discovery** and **Tideline** tents feature Clearwater's original hands-on environmental education programs and Hudson River research. The **Environmental Action Tent** highlights Clearwater's watershed and environmental justice initiatives in our Hudson Valley communities. An expanded **Artisanal Food & Farm Market** offers food sourced from the Hudson Valley.

The Clearwater Festival is wheelchair accessible.

The Clearwater Festival is dependent on our 1,100+ volunteers. To learn more about volunteering, please visit [www.ClearwaterFestival.org/volunteer](http://www.ClearwaterFestival.org/volunteer).

Tickets are available for purchase now at [www.ClearwaterFestival.org](http://www.ClearwaterFestival.org) or by calling 888-718-4253 opt. 1. Clearwater members receive a 20% discount off regularly priced advanced tickets. To become a Clearwater member, visit [www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org) or call Clearwater's membership office at (845)265-8080 ext. 7119.

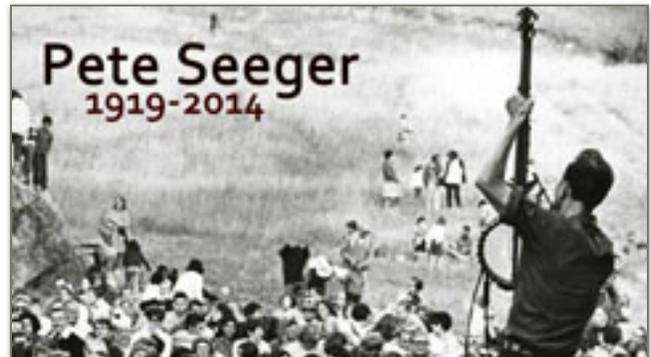
To stay up to date on all Clearwater Festival news, please visit [ClearwaterFestival.org](http://ClearwaterFestival.org) and the official [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

*Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival is produced by the nonprofit, member-supported, environmental organization Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. All proceeds go directly to support Clearwater's environmental education and advocacy.*

### **History of the [Great Hudson River Revival \(Clearwater Festival\)](#)**

Back in the mid-sixties, after centuries of accumulated sewage pollution and industrial dumping of toxic chemicals, the Hudson River, like many of America's most important estuaries, was declared "dead". The river's fragile ecological system was devastated. Not a single fish was found in many areas, and the level of commercial fishing had dropped so dramatically as to be regarded as nonexistent. Recognizing this incredible social and environmental tragedy, in 1966, Pete Seeger decided "to build a boat to save the river" by holding small, fundraising river concerts throughout the Hudson River Valley where he opened his banjo case to collect contributions to build the sloop *Clearwater*, a tall ship that would become recognized as America's Environmental Flagship and a symbol of environmental advocacy. Since the 1960s, the Clearwater Festival has grown into the country's largest annual environmental celebration, its music, dance and storytelling, education and activism attracting thousands of people of all ages to the shores of the Hudson River.

Past artists include: **Pete Seeger, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Joan Baez, David Crosby, Citizen Cope, Lucinda Williams, Emmylou Harris, Natalie Merchant, Jason Isbell, Neko Case, Guster, Drive-By Truckers, Indigo Girls, Martin Sexton, Steve Earle, Bela Fleck, Lake Street Dive, Arlo Guthrie, Los Lobos, Angelique Kidjo, Richie Havens, Old Crow Medicine Show, Grace Potter, Susan Tedeschi, Taj Mahal, Billy Bragg, Hot Tuna, Josh Ritter, Punch Brothers, Dawes, The Lone Bellow, Blind Boys of Alabama** and thousands more.



### **About [Hudson River Sloop Clearwater](#)**

Founded over 50 years ago by world renowned musical artist and activist Pete Seeger, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. has been at the forefront of the environmental movement as champion of the Hudson River. Clearwater is a 501(c)3 tax exempt nonprofit, member-supported corporation whose mission is to preserve and protect the Hudson River, its tributaries and related bodies of water.

Clearwater's tireless work resulted in the passing of landmark legislation including The Clean Water Act. The organization provides innovative educational programs, environmental advocacy and musical celebrations, including the renowned annual Clearwater Festival, to inspire, educate, and activate millions of people.

The organization had its beginnings in 1966, a time when the Hudson was rank with raw sewage, toxic chemicals and oil pollution. Pete Seeger along with several friends had a vision to build a majestic replica of the sloops that sailed the Hudson in the 18th and 19th centuries that would bring people to the river where they could experience its beauty and be moved to preserve it. Inspired by that vision, the organization began with the launch of the sloop *Clearwater* in 1969—a majestic 106-foot long replica vessel that is recognized today as "America's Environmental Flagship".

Today, Clearwater is carrying forward Pete Seeger's legacy, partnering with schools and community leaders to raise the bar of environmental education, realizing that this time the health of the Hudson River must go hand in hand with creating a sustainable world of green jobs in a green economy. Clearwater's unique approach to public outreach has made the sloop *Clearwater* a symbol of grassroots action through hands-on learning, music and celebration.