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POPHAM'S 400th – MUSICAL BONANZA

On Thursday 23rd August 2007, the little village of Popham Beach will open the 4 day celebration of the 400th anniversary of the landing and settlement of George Popham in 1607. As the Opening Ceremonies draw to a close, you'll hear the haunting sounds of classical bagpiper, Jeff Herbster, as he plays his traditional music.

Then, strike up the band at 6:00pm when the Bath Municipal Band will perform at historic Fort Popham. Come and listen to all the familiar music, rain or shine, as their concert stirs you with all your family favorites.

Friday 24th August showcases three different styles of music. At 1:00pm Castlebay, with Julia on harp and Fred on guitar, fiddle, flute or whistle, will offer traditional Celtic music with a hint of the Maine nautical. At 2:00pm Ti Acadie will stroll and sing the music of French Canada and New England. This versatile trio may also surprise you with cajun waltzes, cajun blues and Zydeco tunes. In concert at Fort Popham, Muriel Havenstein and friends will bring you their own blend of musica little swing, a little traditional jazz ..and it will all be classic for two hours starting at 5:00pm. Today, you'll want to be on the lookout for another bagpiper as the parade marches through the village.

As varied as yesterday, Saturday's music opens with The Macy Family Band in Popham Chapel at 2:30pm. This local family of musicians sings ballads, sea shanties, makes up their own songs from regional history and will even show how songs have evolved through time. They'll be accompanying themselves on guitars and spoons. And, as a prelude to the Fireworks extravaganza, Quartessential Brass will be playing in Fort Popham at 5:30pm. There will be patriotic favorites and more from four University of Southern Maine musicians on trumpet, French horn and euphonium.

On Sunday, music at the historic worship service will be played by noted pianist Richard Hankinson with selected soloists. During the brunch reception, Musica Sorella will lend their haunting beautiful music to this elegant affair. From Bach to Beatles, the repertoire of these ladies, playing violin, cello and flute, will astound you. At the closing celebrations a Brass Septet, all members of the Bath Municipal Band, will be playing rousing music to round out this wonderful event .

For more information on Popham 400th , - directions, parking, event schedule and free shuttle buses, please go to <http://www.popham400.org>