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Sugar Maple Concert Series returns **HEADER:** 

September 23 to High Noon Saloon

Acclaimed bluegrass multi-instrumentalist Frank Solivan II SLUG:

and quartet Dirty Kitchen to perform Annual Volunteer Holler

Madison, WI - With Madison's unseasonably warm weather of late, some locals might call September the new August.

A similar mind set for certain from the folks at Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective (FLTMC), who kick-off their 2009/10 Sugar Maple Concert Series on September 23 at the High-Noon Saloon.

Organizers position the concert series as a year-round celebration of the past, present and future of the annual summer Sugar Maple Festival, where a broad spectrum of traditional music is featured -- from Appalachia to Zydeco -- performed by the local, regional and national artists who perfect them.

Headlining the show is former member of the prestigious US Navy Country Current band, Frank Solivan II. Bluegrass Unlimited calls Solivan is "a major talent," while Bluegrass Breakdown writes, "It would be relatively simple to describe Frank using standard marketing jargon and cliché terms of praise, but his creativity and unparalleled artistry seem to begin where those descriptions leave off" (Bluegrass Breakdown). A multi-instrumental master, Solivan sings with power and passion, writes articulate songs that go straight to the heart, and combines the pure, hard drive of classic bluegrass with twenty-first century sophistication. His quartet Dirty Kitchen, features a venerable line-up of nationally-connected pickers like banjo player Mike Munford, who has toured the world with top notch bluegrass artist like Tony Rice, Peter Rowan, the Rice Brothers and Lynn Morris.

The September 23 kick-off is also billed as FLTMC's 3rd Annual Volunteer Holler. While the event is open to the public, it offers special nod to more than 100 volunteers who power the non-profit organization and it's annual summer festival. These volunteers are welcome to attend the event for free.

The show starts at 8pm with Kristy Larson Honky Tonk Trio. Country music historian, author, musician and WORT radio host Bill Malone describes Kristy Larson as "one of the shining lights of Madison roots music". Her light burns even brighter as she joins forces with husband and multi-instrumentalist Mark Roeder. Together, they're a midwestern Rawlins and Welch.

The balance of the 2009/10 Sugar Maple Concert Series has yet to be announced, but often the series exposes performers that have played, or will play, the festival stage. Organizers expect shows to surface in December 2009, Winter 2010, and finally late April 2010 when the 7th Annual Sugar Maple Music Festival lineup, discount tickets and camping passes are released.

A portion of the Sugar Maple Concert Series' proceeds help produce the annual Festival, typically the first full weekend of August at Lake Farm County Park in Madison. Contact www.fourlakesmusic.org or 608/227.8685 for more information.

Our Mission Statement: Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective is a non-profit organization supporting the art of traditional music and dance throughout the greater Madison community. We provide educational and performance opportunities that bring together people of all ages to celebrate diverse musical traditions.



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with Kristy Larson Honky Tonk Trio

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