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# National Jug Band Jubilee

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## **Jug Band legend Jim Kweskin to Headline the Seventh Annual National Jug Band Jubilee**

LOUISVILLE, KY, (July 31, 2011) – The National Jug Band Jubilee is returning to the Brown-Forman Amphitheater in Waterfront Park on Saturday, September 17th. For the second year in a row, Folk Revival legend Jim Kweskin will headline the festival. As the founder, in the 1960s, of the nationally popular, Cambridge, Massachusetts based Jim Kweskin & The Jug Band; he helped to create a new style in American musical culture. Jerry Garcia's first band (Mother McCree's Uptown Jug Champions, a forerunner to The Grateful Dead) was formed after Jerry and Bob Weir heard the Kweskin Band's first album. One of the most distinctive qualities of the band was Jim's old time jazz infused singing and his clean, rhythmic finger picking. He continues to pick and sing songs from the Great American Songbook. To this day, no one plays guitar like Jim Kweskin, as can be heard on his numerous CDs recorded over the years. He is a singular artist.

In addition to Kweskin, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Jug Band Jubilee will feature eight of the country's best jug bands:

- Barbecue Orchestra – Portland, OR
- The Juggernaut Jug Band – Louisville, KY
- Blind Boy Chocolate & The Milk Sheiks – Asheville, NC
- The Roe Family Singers – Minneapolis, MN
- The Barehand Jug Band – Chicago, IL
- The Cincinnati Dancing Pigs – Cincinnati, OH
- Boo Bradley – Madison, WI
- Andrew Francis & Pamela Maurer – Chicago, IL

At this year's Jubilee we will also be paying special tribute to Mrs. W.L. Lyons ("Sally") Brown, an early and enthusiastic supporter of the Jubilee. Sally Brown did a lot to help get the festival off of the ground and she remained a steadfast supporter of the festival until her death earlier this year.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Jug Band Jubilee is proud to celebrate the legacy of jug music and its Louisville origins. Come out and join the fun! Festival gates open at noon Saturday and bands play from 1:00-11:00pm. The open-air Brown-Forman Amphitheater is located immediately east of the Tumbleweed Restaurant on River Road. No pets, coolers or outside alcohol permitted inside the festival. This event takes place rain or shine! Oh and did we mention that this is a FREE festival? That's right – FREE!

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