

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASEContact: Megan Crow | communications@theLEAF.org*46th LEAF Festival Lineup Announcement*[TICKETS](#) | [PERFORMER PROFILES](#) | [ABOUT LEAF FESTIVAL](#)

LEAF Festival Announces Trailblazing Spring Lineup *Featuring Snarky Puppy, Ani DiFranco, Rising Appalachia & many more!*

February 8, 2018 (Asheville, NC) – LEAF Community Arts is thrilled to announce its dynamic lineup of performing artists for the **Spring 2018 LEAF Festival**, taking place **Thursday, May 10th to Sunday, May 13th** near Asheville at the majestic **Lake Eden** in **Black Mountain, NC**. With 400+ performing artists representing 12 different countries, 5 family adventure villages, 80+ craft & culinary vendors, 50+ healing arts, music and earth skills workshops, and a global community steeped in tradition, LEAF welcomes all walks of life for an unforgettable weekend experience. *Kids under 10 FREE!* Discount tickets available @ theLEAF.org/tickets.

'Trailblazing' Festival Features of Note:

- 7 out of 9 of LEAF Festival's Top Artists are FEMALE driven bands
- Ani DiFranco returns to North Carolina after a lengthy HB2 protest
- Snarky Puppy brings "dying Jazz" tradition back to life with 3x Grammy Award winning Funk Fusion approach
- Supaman, A Rising Voice for First Nation Empowerment - to perform, offer ceremony & educate at LEAF

"What defines the human spirit? What does it take to become a TRAILBLAZER? Each and every one of us has the power to forge our own destiny. To dig deep, take hold of our inner fire, and courageously set out on a path never before travelled. For the 46th LEAF Festival, each artist selected has taken up the torch of this great call. They are visionaries, trailblazers, musical pioneers... guiding listeners on a journey of unveiling our true human potential one note at a time. This Spring, prepare to embark on an odyssey of inner & outer discovery both on and off the stage. Adventure Awaits! We'll see you at Lake Eden." ~ Ehren Cruz, LEAF Performing Arts Director

OFFICIAL 46TH LEAF FESTIVAL PERFORMER LINEUP

Snarky Puppy, Ani DiFranco, Rising Appalachia
Samantha Fish, The Suffers, Supaman
Bokanté, Flor de Toloache, Boukman Eksperyans
Ganga Giri, Shook Twins, I Draw Slow, Leah Song [of Rising Appalachia]
Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen, Mdou Moctar, Kaleta & Super Yamba Band
Kinobe & The Wamu Spirit, Irish Mythen, The Screaming J's, The Digs
Arkansauce, The Paper Crowns, Sally & George, Ordinary Elephant
Medisin in Dub, The Change, Oshima Brothers, The Campfire Reverends
Masankho Banda, LEAF International Haiti, The Golden Trumpets, Natadas
Unifire Theatre, Illuminera, Studio Zahiya, Trillium Dance Co, Imagine Circus, Faerie Kin
Contra: Wake Up Robin, Turnip the Beet, Buddy System, Electro Heart, Will Mentor, Emily Rush
5th Annual Newsong Singer Songwriters Competition! 46th LEAF Southern Fried Poetry Slam & many more!

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