



## **Drum Boogie Festival® 2017 returns to Woodstock**

*Free World-Class Music Festival includes GRAMMY® Award Winners*

WOODSTOCK, N.Y. – (January 5, 2017) - Woodstock, N.Y. will further its arts mecca reputation on September 9, 2017 from 11 AM to 8 PM at Andy Lee Field for the fifth biennial Drum Boogie Festival, a FREE, one-day music festival. The world-class lineup of performers includes Jack DeJohnette, NEXUS Contemporary Percussion, Steve Gorn, NYU Steel Band, POOK Youth Drummers and Dancers and The Big Takeover Reggae Band. The family-oriented, multi-cultural festival celebrates the diverse styles of music, dance and voice from around the world. Attendees will experience a variety of percussion styles, including Jazz, Rock, Classical, African, Reggae, Steel Pan and more.

“Music is a universal language helping to erase lines of hatred and bigotry through the exchange of diverse cultures” said Garry Kvistad, Executive Director of the Drum Boogie Festival. Garry is also a member of NEXUS and is the Founder and CEO of Woodstock Chimes®. The event is part of a continuing effort on the part of the producing entity of the festival, the Woodstock Chimes Fund, the company’s arts oriented nonprofit foundation, to help recognize Ulster County as a major destination for art and cultural activities. The Drum Boogie Festival will once again help support Family of Woodstock.

In 2008, the Drum Boogie Festival developed in meetings between New York State Assemblyperson Kevin Cahill and Kvistad to help increase public interest and understanding of percussion music and the benefits of rhythm in our lives. Percussion music is the most common form of instrumental music around the world and yet is still not known in its entirety in many parts of the globe. There is more diversity in world percussion than any other instrument and the Drum Boogie Festival reflects that diversity by celebrating world drums and drummers. As it is around the world, the festival will combine drumming with singing and dance as well.

The wide range of musical styles makes the Drum Boogie Festival a great end of summer event for people of all ages and serves as a great family outing. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Fantastic food trucks and fun children’s activities will be at the venue to further enhance a great day of family fun. Andy Lee Field is a few blocks from the center of Woodstock.

And...the Drum Boogie Festival is more than just drumming - it’s song, dance, food, family fun, and it’s FREE!

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**What: DRUM BOOGIE FESTIVAL® 2017**

**Where: Andy Lee Field, Rock City Road, Woodstock, NY**

**When: Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017**

**Time: 11 AM – 8 PM**

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