

# Vienna Union Hall News

## Opening Day for Season Six May 20

### *Katahdin Valley Boys*

On May 20, at 7:00 PM the Vienna Union Hall Association will kick off its 2017 season with a wonderful bluegrass group, the Katahdin Valley Boys.

**The Katahdin Valley Boys**, one of Maine's most popular and respected Bluegrass bands, has been thrilling audiences around Maine and northern New England since their blending of talents in 1998. The Katahdin Valley Boys were honored as recipients of the "Bluegrass Band of the Year" award for 2012 by The Maine Country Music Association and in 2008, 2009, and 2011 by the Maine Academy of Country Music. The Katahdin Valley Boys take pride in presenting their audiences with top quality, traditional, and contemporary Bluegrass and Bluegrass Gospel music. Each member brings many years of experience and professional showmanship to the band's hard driving traditional Bluegrass sound. A KVB show is unique in that all band members share lead and harmony singing. Their repertoire features tight

harmonies and smooth solos. KVB performs family oriented shows have a fresh, personal, approach and an exciting format.

Members of the band include Vienna hometown virtuoso **Dan Simons**. A well seasoned musician, Dan plays Bluegrass Mandolin, sings lead and harmony vocals, and is a talented guitar player. Dan draws from a wealth of experience having played with several roots and bluegrass ensembles performing original material as well as cover tunes. The Katahdin Valley Boys were proud to add Dan to the band in 2016.



**Jeff Folger** is a native of Sidney, Maine. A towering lead and tenor harmony singer, Jeff plays the 5- string banjo in a traditional, hard driving style. The classic sounds of Ralph Stanley, Earl Scruggs and J.D. Crowe have been a major part of his musical influence. Jeff



has been performing since 1993 and has been with the Katahdin Valley Boys since 1998 as a founding member.

**Ken Brooks** calls Athens, Maine home. Ken was honored by the Maine County Music Association as an inductee into the "Country Music Hall of Fame" in 2012! His superb rhythm and lead Guitar picking along with lead and harmony vocals enhance the band's all around sound. Ken brings a wealth of experience and vast repertoire to the band. Performing since 1965, Ken has played with several popular bluegrass bands. Ken has an extensive discography having recorded as a solo and ensemble artist. The Katahdin Valley Boys are proud to incorporate Ken's vocal excellence and solid guitar work into the band.

**Steve Bixby** plays the Upright Bass, performs much of the MC work, and add his vocal work to the show. Originally from Ashland, Massachusetts, Steve lives on the Pemaquid Peninsula in Round Pond, Maine. At the invitation of a friend to join him at a festival in New York State, Steve caught the Bluegrass bug in 1978 and began playing Bluegrass Bass in 1980. An accomplished Bass player and recording artist, he has performed with several well known Bluegrass acts and at numerous Bluegrass Festivals throughout the Northeast.

Tickets are \$10.00. For advance tickets or more information email [viennaunionhall@gmail.com](mailto:viennaunionhall@gmail.com) or call 293-2674.

## Renovations Update

This spring we have updated our heating system with 2 heat pumps and 2 Rinnai gas heaters thanks to a wonderful grant from the **Quimby Foundation**.

Meanwhile we are working on painting the stage walls and installing some new lights. Along with the lights the Association has purchased a light controller for better lighting impact.

Make sure to take a gander at the new look on the stage!

**For Information or Tickets: Email us at [viennaunionhall@gmail.com](mailto:viennaunionhall@gmail.com).**

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## Upcoming Events

**May 20** - Saturday  
-7:00 PM - [Katahdin Valley Boys](#)

[Concert of Mexican Folklore, directed by Jonathan Trejo](#)

**June 17** - Saturday -  
7:00PM - [Martin Swinger](#)

**September 2** -  
Saturday, - 7:30 PM-  
[Young Artist Residency Concert](#)

**July 16** - Sunday - 7:00  
PM - [Village Harmony](#)

**September 22** - Friday  
- 7:00 PM - [North Sea Gas](#) - The Best Of  
Scotland!

**July 27-29** - Thursday-  
Saturday, - Vienna  
Historical Society Plays

**December 16** -  
Saturday - 5th Annual  
Winter Revels with  
Leland Faulkner

**August 11** - Friday -  
7:00 PM - [Mallet Brothers Band](#)

**August 26** - Saturday -  
7:30 PM - A (dance)