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5 Next Stage Arts continues its Bandwagon Summer Series
6 with a Folk, Roots, & Americana Music Festival Saturday, July 18,
7 at Robertson Paper Company Field, 21 Island St.

8 The festival begins at 4 p.m., with gates opening at 3
9 p.m. Featuring The Mammals, Michael Veitch Band, and folk
10 quartet Doozy Jane, the festival celebrates the enduring power of
11 song, storytelling, and community.

12 Headlining the event, The Mammals bring their signature
13 blend of high-energy Americana, string-band virtuosity, and
14 socially conscious songwriting. Led by Mike Merenda and Ruth
15 Ungar, the group balances enthusiasm with “intimate, reflective
16 moments” in their performances. They say their latest release,
17 *Touch Grass Vol. 1 & 2*, explores themes of “freedom, kinship,
18 and ecological renewal while continuing the band’s tradition of
19 connecting audiences through music and shared purpose.”

20 Also taking the stage is the Michael Veitch Band. Singer-
21 songwriter and tenor Veitch also plays guitar. Over the course of a
22 long career, his songs have explored themes of love, activism,
23 memory, and hope, organizers say, “delivered with warmth,
24 sincerity, and masterful musicianship.”

25 Opening the festival will be Doozy Jane, a dynamic
26 quartet known for four-part treble harmonies and arrangements.
27 Combining fiddle, clarinet, guitar, and bass, the group re-
28 imagines folk traditions “through a contemporary feminist lens,”
29 organizers said in news release, “drawing inspiration from both
30 historic and modern voices in American roots music.”

31 Whether drawn by the harmonies, the storytelling, or the
32 sense of community, event promoters say audiences will find an
33 afternoon and evening of music that celebrates connection and
34 shared experience.

35 Food vendors for the festival include Smokin’ Bowls,
36 Taza Afghan Foods, and The Blue Pig homemade ice cream. A
37 cash bar will also be available onsite. Audience members are
38 encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnics to enjoy
39 the performances in a relaxed outdoor setting.

40 Tickets are \$28 in advance, \$32 at the gate, and free for
41 children under 12. Advance tickets are available at
42 nextstagearts.org.

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