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Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy invites the public to Trail Tunes at Bender Melon Farm Preserve

New Scotland, NY – This summer, step into a world where music and nature intertwine! The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC) invites the public to join *Trail Tunes* at Bender Melon Farm Preserve on **Sunday, August 24, 2025, from 1 – 4 p.m.** The 175-acre preserve, located on Rt 85A/Maple Rd in the Town of New Scotland, is one of the Conservancy's most popular locations, making it the perfect destination for their first-ever Trail Tunes event. The event is free and suitable for all ages; RSVPs are encouraged (not required) at www.mohawkhudson.org/trailtunes.

MHLC Executive Director Mark King said, "Trail Tunes is all about connecting people with great local music and beautiful outdoor spaces they might not have discovered yet. By bringing artists into natural settings, we hope to introduce new audiences to both the music and the trails — creating a shared experience that celebrates our community, creativity, and the outdoors. Our area has so much to offer when it comes to outdoor recreation and the arts, and Trail Tunes will bring these two together to create a unique community focused experience for music and nature enthusiasts of all ages."

As participants wander along the scenic trails, they'll discover four intimate performance spots where local musicians will be performing acoustic sets. MHLC encourages participants to arrive at any time and stroll through at their own pace. Bender Melon Farm Preserve has a brand-new parking lot on Rt.85A and is also conveniently accessible from the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail. (A parking map can be found on the event website.) Participants arriving at the check-in table will be entered into a prize raffle to win MHLC t-shirt and hat. They will also receive a trail map that can be stamped at each station; participants who collect all four stamps will receive a vinyl MHLC logo sticker.

The event features a line-up of musical artists from the Capital Region, including:

Mixed Roots

A blend of reggae and AfroBeat led by percussionist and lead vocalist George, who grew up in Ghana and now calls Albany home. The other band members have all been a part of the Capital Region music community for decades, performing in an array of groups focused mainly on reggae, rock, and folk.

<https://www.mixedrootsnewyork.com/about.html>

Dylan Perrillo Trio

Led by a conservatory trained upright bassist, composer and arranger, the Dylan Perrillo trio offers a mix of folk and jazz. Over the years, Perrillo has performed with a wide range of musicians throughout the area and beyond, always showcasing his tremendous ability to improvise and collaborate. <https://www.dylanperrillo.com/>

Lucy Nelligan & Connor Armbruster

Two incredibly talented fiddle players joining forces to perform as a duo. Nelligan grew up in San Francisco where she learned violin then piano, while being surrounded by live music including mariachi and classical. She now lives in the Capital Region where she teaches music lessons and is a member of the country group The Brule County Bad Boys. Armbruster is a composer and music educator living in Troy, whose output spans multimedia solo performances, electric violin, Irish fiddle, dance, and theatre. He is a member of local folk/rock band Blue Ranger.

<https://www.lucynelliganmusic.com/><https://armbrustersounds.com/>

Rob Fleming of Rhoseway

After years of performing as a member of other bands, Rhoseway is Fleming's creative solo project that is an act of free expression through melody, progression, sounds and words that are based on feel. His dynamic and melodic indie/alternative music is compelling and thoughtfully crafted. <https://www.rhoseway.com/>

Perfect for families, friends, and solo wanderers alike, the event celebrates the magic of music in the great outdoors. To learn more, please visit www.mohawkhudson.org/trailtunes.

MHLC expresses sincere gratitude to media sponsor WEXT for their support in promoting the event.

The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC) is a nonprofit conservation organization conserving and stewarding the lands and waters of the Mohawk and Hudson River Valleys for people and the environment in Albany, Schenectady, and Montgomery counties. Since its founding in 1992, the Conservancy has protected nearly 16,000 acres of land, including over 2,500 acres open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, and other educational and recreational opportunities. To learn more, visit www.mohawkhudson.org.

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Attached images:

Fields of Bender Melon Farm Preserve

Scenic trails of Bender Melon Farm Preserve

Trail Tunes promotional graphic





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BENDER MELON FARM PRESERVE
SUNDAY, AUG. 24 • 1 – 4 PM

FREE EVENT • LIVE MUSIC ON THE TRAILS!

*Step into a world where music and nature intertwine -
join us on the trails for live acoustic sets from local musicians:*

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CONNOR ARMBRUSTER**

MIXED ROOTS

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**ROB FLEMING
OF RHOSEWAY**

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