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### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual San Francisco Free Folk Festival

June 24–25, 2006

#### SAUCE PIQUANTE

Named after the popular Louisiana stew which is spicy with a hint of sweetness, this Cajun-Creole Band plays earthy, impassioned music that moves your heart as well as your feet. They'll get you up and dancing as they conjure up the spirit of the old days.

#### SLAINTE OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

"*Slainte*" means "Cheers" in Irish Gaelic. Along these lines, they play the traditional acoustic music of Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, France, England, Cape Breton, the Appalachian Highlands, and traditionally inspired contemporary tunes as played in the San Francisco Bay Area.

#### KHALEY ADOUNA WEST AFRICAN DRUM AND DANCE

A new performance group based out of the East Bay and under the direction of Samba Guisse of Senegal, West Africa, this group brings the excitement, energy and rich culture of traditional West African while celebrating its continuous changes with the new generations. Khaley Adouna means "Young Life".

#### HARMON'S PEAK

Traditional Old Time Music quartet. Stretching from the Civil War to about 1930 or so, this kind of recreational folk music has formed and influenced the modern bluegrass, country, contra and square dance music of today.

#### IN HARMONY'S WAY

Rousing shanties, drinking songs, and *a cappella* chorus songs of all varieties from eighteen Bay Area singers such as Shay Black; Oak, Ash & Thorn; and Riggy Rachin.

#### SYLVIA HEROLD AND FRIENDS

Herold, formerly of Cats and Jammers, will bring a lively and eclectic mix of swing, jazz and folk songs and music with old friends such as Chuck Ervin.

#### DUNSMUIR SCOTTISH DANCERS

The Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers are one of the demonstration dance teams of the [San Francisco chapter of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society](#). Frequent participants in the San Francisco Free Folk Festival, the group will both perform on the main stage and lead a workshop. They are

delightful to watch and dance with, communicating the combination of elegance and power unique to Scottish Country Dance.

**VECERNICA** - Saturday evening's International Dance band.

Their repertoire includes a broad variety of folk-dance music from many countries and cultures, including the British Isles, France, Austria, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe and the Balkans (including Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech and Slovak Republics, Greece, Hungary, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Serbia), Turkey, and Israel, along with tunes from Canada, Mexico, South America, and the U.S.

**TINKER'S DAMN** - Celtic Showcase.

A five-piece band who play the traditional music of Ireland, Scotland and other Celtic lands, along with compelling, original compositions in the traditional style. At its heart, Tinker's Damn portrays Celtic music in its most unvarnished light – honest, straightforward and bound to make feet tap.

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