

**DR. DOG, MATT POND JOIN THE NINES FESTIVAL
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MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED
EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

Devens, MA-**The NINES**, New England's new music and arts festival coming Saturday, August 10th to Devens, MA has added soul inspired folk-rockers **Dr. Dog** and alternative singer songwriter **Matt Pond** and his band to the diverse lineup of nationally touring and emerging musicians that already include **Explosions in the Sky**, **Delta Spirit**, **Walk Off The Earth**, **Shuggie Otis** and **Kid Koala** with several more to be announced in the coming weeks. The festival will feature music performances on two stages with no overlapping sets while the region's best emerging to established comedians will take up residence under the "Stitch" comedy tent curated by Harvard Square's The Comedy Studio and hosted by the Comedy Studio's Rick Jenkins. First to be announced are comedian **Erin Judge**, hot off her recent Comedy Central "Live at Gotham" debut and pop culture maven **Ken Reid**.

In addition, The NINES will feature art installations, exhibits, and interactive art projects curated by art director and RISD alum Christopher Cyr and "art with a re-purpose" visual design visionaries Fireseed Arts.

Quality crafts, tasty food and beverages and 21+ beer gardens offering a selection of beer and wine will be offered.

Sited on the verdant grounds of Willard Field in Devens, Massachusetts, The NINES is conveniently accessed directly off of Route 2, just 35 miles west of Boston and a short drive from Worcester, Lowell and southern New Hampshire. Gates will open at noon with entertainment starting at 1:00.

"Our mission is to bring attention to the breadth of artistic talent in our region, bring top-tier bands to our area and build on this year after year," says Monica Hinojos, Executive Director of Ayer-based 3Rivers Arts, co-producer of the NINES. "We want to introduce audiences to Central Massachusetts as a hub of artistic talent, and hopefully, a regular summer tour stop for their favorite bands. Our vision is for a happy side-effect of The Nines to be a cultural and economic boost for the area as well."

A limited number of no service charge early bird tickets priced at \$49.00 and "Patron of the Arts" VIP tickets priced at \$109.00 are on sale now at the Acton, Mass. Enterprise Bank branch located at 340 Great Road (Route 2A) for in person, cash only purchases.

Tickets may also be purchased online at ticketmaster.com, at all Ticketmaster locations or charged by phone by calling 800-653-8000. Children under 10 admitted free if accompanied by parent or guardian.

"Patron of the Arts" (VIP) tickets include premier parking, fast lane entry, access to the private Cloud 9 lounge, arts garden and viewing area, complimentary beverages and hospitality, air conditioned restrooms, the NINES official 2013 poster and more.

Early Bird tickets will be available only as long as supplies last. Ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

The NINES is a presentation of 3Rivers Arts in association with Great Northeast Productions, Inc.

For more information go to the official NINES Festival web site:

theninesfestival.com and follow on Facebook at **Facebook.com/theninesfestival** and Twitter at **Twitter.com/theninesfest**

About 3Rivers Arts

3Rivers Arts is a 501(c)3 regional arts organization focused on bringing more art and cultural opportunities to communities in the Nashua, Nissitissit and Squannacook River watersheds. Our mission is to provide quality arts education and events, support local artists, and spur the creative economy to enrich community life throughout the region. For more information on 3Rivers Arts go to: 3riversarts.com

About Great Northeast Productions, Inc.

Great Northeast Productions specializes in the site coordination, production and promotion of mass gatherings and special events. The company's productions include Phish's multi-day, multi-arts concert and camping festivals from 1996-2004, all of which were the largest events of their kind in North America in their respective years. In 1999 Great Northeast produced what is generally acknowledged as the largest paid event in the world in celebration of the millennium, as over eighty-thousand Phish fans converged at the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation in the heart of the Florida Everglades for a four day music and arts festival.

Other significant events the company has produced include "Twilight Concerts at the Tabernacle" on Martha's Vineyard; Sugarbush SummerStage in Waitsfield, Vermont; the Great Northeast Arts & Energy Festivals; Pier Revue in Portland, Maine and Snoe.down Winter Music & Sports Festival in Lake Placid, New York and Killington, Vermont.

In addition, GNP provides talent booking services for private and corporate clients and staffing & consulting services for large public assemblies. The company provides catering, concessions management and event management through its subsidiary, GNP Field Services.

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