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Award Given to Andy and Bill Spence

Eisteddfod 2012, A Festival of Traditional Music

A weekend of traditional folk/roots music

Friday, November 2 through Sunday, November 4, 2012

at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa

400 Granite Road, Kerhonkson, Ulster County, NY 12446

Eisteddfod, a festival of traditional folk/roots music, is giving the annual Eisteddfod award for dedication, inspiration, and service to the practice and dissemination of traditional folk music to Andy and Bill Spence. Andy is best known as the founder and administrator of the Old Songs Festival in Altamont, New York, called “truly sublime” by *Sing Out* magazine. Andy and Bill were instrumental in founding Albany's Pick'n and Sing'n Gather'n. Bill, who plays multiple instruments, is best known as a virtuoso hammer dulcimer player. His bands and recordings played a major role in the revival of the hammer dulcimer.



The Folk Music Society of New York invites you to join leading singers/musicians in this weekend of traditional folk/roots music at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa. Meet outstanding performers in 25 workshops and three concerts, plus an open mike, late night singing, and informal music making, socializing, and outdoor walks. You will find convenient hotel rooms, good food, a spa, an indoor pool, and more. The festival is ideal for the whole family, and provides a very rare chance in New York to hear such diverse, and high quality performers in a single venue. For a full list and details of the performers go to www.folkfestny.org.

Come for the day or register for the entire weekend to stay at the hotel and experience all the music. A web page has been set up with information on day and weekend rates and a booking form at www.folkfestny.org. You can also reserve online directly at: <http://eisteddfod-ny.eventbrite.com>. For information go to **www.folkfestny.org** or call 718-672-6399

[The word “Eisteddfod” is Welsh, connoting a gathering of poets and musicians. It was adopted by Howard Glasser, the founder of this festival, when he began these gatherings of singers and musicians four decades ago.]

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The Folk Music Society of New York, Inc. / New York Pinewoods Folk Music Club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational corporation, an affiliate of the Country Dance and Song Society of America. It is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, elected by the membership. It runs concerts, weekends, classes, singing parties, and get-togethers, all with an emphasis on traditional folk music of all flavors. Office: 444 West 54th St, #7, New York NY 10019; (718) 672-6399

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