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Rock, Ribs, Ridges Festival returns for three days in June with Hall of Fame rockers

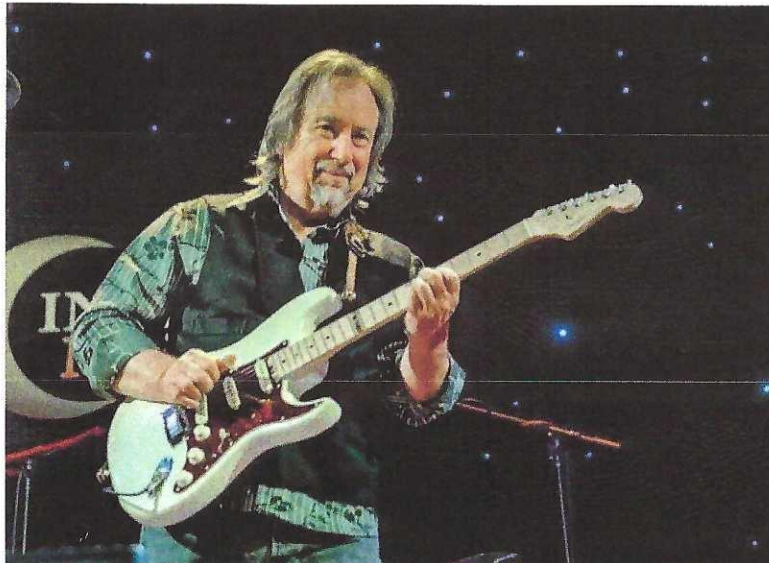
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FRANKFORD —Music legends will headline this year's Rock, Ribs and Ridges Festival scheduled for the Sussex County Fairgrounds starting on June 24.

Joining Dave Mason of Traffic for the three-day festival will be Don Felder of the Eagles, Artimus Pyle of Lynyrd Skynyrd and country-rock star Jim Messina.

Also on the bill to celebrate the festival's 12th anniversary will be southern rock bands Molly Hatchet and Duane Betts. Tickets are now on sale at www.rockribsandridges.com.

"We're proud to continue to attract the biggest stars to our stage and this year feature Jim Messina, a legendary artist who created country rock, and our largest lineup of Rock & Roll Hall of Famers ever," said Howard Freeman of Promo1, who serves as the event's executive producer. "It's going to be a great weekend and the place to be this summer."

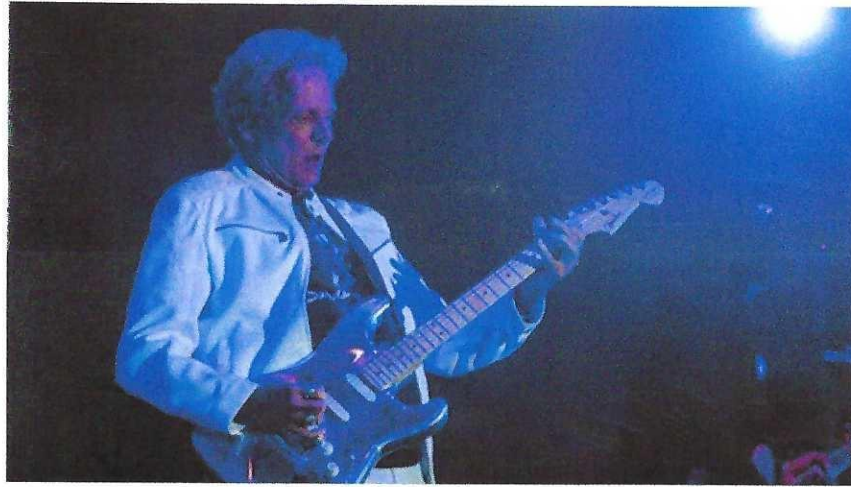


Rock legend Jim Messina will be among the featured acts for the Rock, Ribs and Ridges festival at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in late June.

Mason was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2004 as a founding member of Traffic. During his lengthy solo career, he has written more than 100 songs, has three gold albums and one platinum album.

Mason has also collaborated with a list of "who's who" in the music industry, including Jimi Hendrix, George Harrison, Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Graham Nash, Stephen Stills, Rita Coolidge, Steve Winwood, Eric Clapton, and Jim Capaldi.

Don Felder is a legendary singer-songwriter who was inducted into the Hall with the Eagles in 1998. He is also a New York Times best-selling author.



Don Felder

Felder spent 27 years with the Eagles, who have the distinction of the top-selling album of all time, "Their Greatest Hits (1971-1975)", which to date has sold over 38 million copies. He co-wrote some of the band's biggest hits, including "Hotel California" and "Victim of Love."

This will be an encore festival performance for Artemus Pyle, whose double-bass drumming helped define the legendary Skynyrd sound. Among their hits are "Sweet Home Alabama," "Freebird," "What's Your Name," "Gimme Three Steps," "Saturday Night Special" and "That Smell."

Messina's legacy runs over five decades as a member of three supergroups, a vibrant solo career and scores of producing and engineering credits.

Following his time with Buffalo Springfield, Messina and fellow bandmate Richie Furay formed Poco and defined a new musical genre, country rock.



Molly Hatchet Band

He then worked with a then-unknown Kenny Loggins, producing the album "Sittin' In", which launched the duo known as Loggins and Messina, which produced several more albums.

In the 1970s Molly Hatchet combined boogie, blues and hard rock with the then-developing southern rock, becoming one of the defining bands of the genre.

Duane Betts spent a decade with The Allman Brothers Band, alongside his father Dickey Betts.

At the festival, Betts will perform with Berry Oakley, Jr. and Johnny Stachela.

Also appearing on stage will be Dan McGuinness and Kurt Griffey as Revisiting Creedence, a tribute band to Creedence Clearwater Revival.

While music makes up the "rock" of the festival, the "ribs" will be food from several top competitive barbecue rib chefs from around the country, as craft beer vendors and other food outlets.

The festival includes weekend camping and RV spots for the weekend as well as VIP shaded seating and Miller Mezzanine reserved group table seating.

A Friday night "After Party" bonfire, Saturday evening campers-only concert and a "Sunday Morning Get Together" with free coffee and donuts are also available.

The full concert line-up as well as information on the amenities is available at: www.rockribsandridges.com.