Al and Don and the Coast Connection Remnants
Al Hedstrom and Don Bauer team up with Joe Higgins and Chris Gillis to bring an eclectic mix of original tunes, and maybe a “trademark” cover or two. Al, Don and Joe - a Chicago native who now spends the winter months in Florida - have played together in the Coast Connection band for three years. **Performing:** Saturday 7:50 p.m.

Cook County’s Most Wanted
Cook County’s Most Wanted (originally known as “Rod ‘n Real”) is a Radio Waves mainstay, playing at every festival so far. This local favorite plays a sweet blend of “Fine Rock & Choice Country” music, from Roy Orbison to Gillian Welch. The members of CCMW are Rod “Little Daddy” Dockan (guitar and vocals), Al “The Iron Finn” Oikari (keyboards, lap steel, and guitar), Carah “Boo” Thomas (mountain dulcimer and vocals), Gary “Wan Kenobe” Croft (guitar and vocals), Dale “Snuffy” Smith (bass), and guest drummer Joe “Hot Rods” Luoma. **Performing:** Saturday 6:20 p.m.

The Curry Family Band
A regular performer at events in Finland and Silver Bay, the band consists of three generations of musicians and vocalists that play everything from bluegrass and old-timey music to classic country hits. **Performing:** Saturday 2 p.m.

D’Merritt
D’Merritt plays for...the excitement that they felt when they were kids and heard their favorite new song come on the radio...for the energy...for the thrill of standing on stage and motivating people to join in and dance to become a part of the music with them...for the spirit of the music...and for the dream. They are Cory Merritt, Kari Merritt, Nace Hagemann, and Ted Czaplicki. **Performing:** Saturday 2:50 p.m.

Earth, Wind & Todd
A groovy ’70’s dance band that puts a unique spin on material while playing infectious one hit wonders, rock, pop, funk, soul and disco. They are: Todd Miller, Kristen Smith Johnson, Amy Brooks Varga, John Varga, Jesse Johnson, Briand Morrison and Roxann Berglund. **Performing:** Saturday 11 a.m.
The Frozen Britches
This traditional Irish duo is Tom van Cleve on fiddle/accordion and Erik Hahn on flute/whistle. They share their love of the music of ancient Ireland, as well as explore newer tunes and more contemporary approaches to Celtic music. Joining them on guitar for this performance is Chris Julin from Duluth. **Performing: Saturday 4:30 p.m.**

Ric Gillman & Bruce Bowers
Enjoy the combination of fiddle and 6 and 12 string guitar music by the talented duo of long-time Big Top Chautauqua fiddle player T. Bruce Bowers and seasoned Madeline Island finger style guitarist Ric Gillman. **Performing: Saturday 7:10 p.m.**

Gina Lee
Gina started singing as a little girl, and first performed in front of an audience at age 6. In her teens, she picked up the guitar and started writing songs. She has been part of a number of bands through the years and currently performs as a one-woman band (recording various parts on her Roland keyboard and playing her 12-string guitar). Her style is an eclectic mix of folk, rock and country with powerful vocals that appeal to all ages. **Performing: Saturday 5:45 p.m.**

Rich Mattson & The North Stars
Minnesota singer-songwriter Rich Mattson of Sparta Sound — and bands the Tisdales and Ol’ Yeller — presents a new collaboration with Germaine Gemberling. Joined by nephew Curtis Mattson on drums, Russell Bergum on bass and Eli Bissonett on violin, Rich intends to dust off some old tunes, and honor requests. He’s known as a human jukebox, and his songbook is epic. **Performing: Friday 8:30 p.m.**

Jim & Michele Miller
For over ten years, Jim was the driving force behind Twin Cities band, Thunder Creek. Meanwhile Michele was honing her songwriting and multi-instrumental skills, and spearheading Celtic band, Wild Mountain Thyme. They now inspire with folk, country, bluegrass and classic rock ballads - using tight harmonies, thoughtful originals and a myriad of instruments. **Performing: Friday 6:25 p.m.**

Sam Miltich & The Clearwater Hot Club
Formed in 2003 by guitarist Sam Miltich and his father Matthew (on bass), this Grand Rapids, MN based band honors the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grapelli. Joined by Gary Schulte on fiddle and Mike Miller on drums, they’re described as “one of the most exciting and joyful Gypsy bands anywhere.” **Performing: Sunday 4:55 p.m.**
Briand Morrison & Roxann Berglund
Guitarist Briand Morrison and sultry-voiced jazz vocalist Roxann Berglund bring to the stage a mix of classic jazz standards and pop favorites. Each brings years of experience and a high degree of technical excellence to their performance. The passion and sensitivity in their music is immediately evident.
Performing: Sunday 3:30 p.m.

Maria Nickolay
Before becoming a solo artist in her own right, Maria performed around the area in bands with family and friends. She recently spent time in Ireland learning traditional Irish music, and has returned to the North Shore, playing in local venues. With a voice laced with both smoke and silk, she presents a depth of musical genres, including Traditional Irish, Appalachian, Blues, Folk, Indie, Country and even a little Rock n’ Roll.
Performing: Saturday 11:50 a.m.

North Shore Community Swing Band
Since 1999, this all-volunteer swing band has presented big band dance favorites of all generations, performing at various public events throughout the year.
Performing: Friday 4 p.m.

The Pete K Group
Pete Kavanaugh leads on guitar and vocals bringing outstanding R&B based blues rock with a heavy emphasis on contemporary Chicago style blues. Joining Pete for this performance is Jeff Rogers on drums (who currently plays with Lamont Cranston), and John Wright on bass (who plays with Galactic Cowboy Orchestra and Lehto and Wright).
Performing: Sunday 2:40 p.m.

Oversize Load
Founded by four friends with a common interest in Rock/Hard Rock and Heavy Metal, Oversize Load has been a fixture on the local music scene for over 20 years. They released their second CD, “OSL Style”, in June 2014. Playing everything from Jerry Lee Lewis to Metallica, their gigs range anywhere from acoustic shows to full blown dances.
Performing: Friday 5:40 p.m.

The Joe Paulik Band
The Joe Paulik Band presents a classic and eclectic mix of cover songs and has brought Joe’s original music to heightened levels as well. They are: Joe Paulik on lead vocals and acoustic 12 & 6 string guitars; Jessi Nicholson on lead vocals; John Mianowski on bass; Max Bichel on violin; Derek Smith on drums/percussion; and Briand Morrison on guitar.
Performing: Sunday 1:50 p.m.
skyBLUEtrio and the ORANGEgirl
This quartet of Grand Marais musicians performs singable and danceable jazz standards and original jazz compositions. All have performed popular and classical music in various ensembles. They are: Karina Roth on vocals; Mike Roth on bass; Erik Hahn on sax/flute; and Mike DeBevec on piano/vocals. Joining them for this performance is Chris Coffman from Duluth.
**Performing: Saturday 1:10 p.m.**

Shoot from the Hipsters
A group of veteran (old) Cook County musicians playing out and having fun. Some songs have come from The Sivertones, some from Don Juan, a couple from playing the first Ramble at Cascade and now, some are coming from Russ Viton. Rick Brandenberg, Don Bauer, Liz Sivertson and John Gruber have played together in various forms for some years. Russ Viton is local gem. And joining for this year’s festival - maybe - Musa and Chris Gillis. **Performing: Sunday 1 p.m.**

Pushing Chain
Pushing Chain is Boyd Blomberg on guitar and vocals and Adam Moe on fiddle and vocals. They’ve played together since 1997, and recorded their first album in 1998. Told many times that they are exponentially stronger musically together than they are apart, they are finally starting to believe it. Pushing Chain believes in strong harmonies, kazooos, and sad songs... in performing songs never played together, and jamming with people we’ve just met... that a guitarist and a fiddler can cover Hendrix if they want to... that music can cause tears and laughter, sometimes in the course of one song...that there are still important songs to be written... and that a good band will make strangers share a table. **Performing: Friday 7:45 p.m.**

Portage
Sing along and stomp your feet to the boot scootin’ covers of classic country and rockabilly chart toppers by this local ensemble, regular performers in the area. Performing at this year’s festival is: Tom Hoy, Joe Peterson, Jim Spry, Arvid Dahl and Beth Olson. **Performing: Saturday 3:40 p.m.**

John Silliman
John currently plays eleven different types of instruments, and has long term plans to learn more. His influences include Celtic, Folk, Bluegrass and Classic Country music; and he’s thrilled to share his music again this year! **Performing: Saturday 10:30 a.m.**