

**WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL  
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**TRADITIONAL NEWFOUNDLAND MUSIC ON TAP AT  
2010 WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL  
Festival to Feature Jim Payne and Fergus O'Byrne**

**New Bedford, MA, August 20, 2010**— Slated for September 25 & 26, the 2010 Working Waterfront Festival presents an expanded look at the ethnic diversity of the region's working waterfront communities with a program entitled *All in One Boat: the Cultural Mosaic of New England's Working Ports*.

The Festival brings together a unique array of music, dance, poetry and theater presented on four stages. Performances include traditional sea chanteys, music and poetry about commercial fishing and the sea, and music and dance reflecting the industry's ethnic diversity. Many New England fishermen trace their roots to the Atlantic Maritimes. As a way of exploring that connection, the Festival is pleased to feature two of Newfoundland's most respected musicians, Jim Payne and Fergus O'Byrne. The two combine their passion for traditional music and song, as well as their instrumental prowess and humorous repartee, to cover a broad spectrum of Newfoundland folk culture, including songs, stories and dance tunes. Their repertoire includes rousing sea shanties and work songs, poignant ballads, comic ditties, folk tales and recitations, and toe-tapping jigs, reels and polkas on a variety of instruments. Payne and O'Byrne will perform several showcase sets during the weekend including a called Newfoundland dance. In addition they will share the stage with other festival performers for several workshops including *The Many Lives of Ernestina*, *Something Fishy*, and *Songs from Many Shores*.

The **Working Waterfront Festival** is a project of the **Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA**, a non-profit organization. The FREE festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the fourth full weekend in September. Navigate to us at [www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org).

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