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## ANNUAL FREEDOM FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

AUSABLE CHASM, NY -- The fourth annual Freedom Festival of Music takes place Thursday, August 6, at the Ausable Chasm Pavilion, next door to the North Star Underground Railroad Museum.

Proceeds from the Festival, which runs from 5 pm to 8 pm, benefit the Museum.

A number of specially talented musicians and musical groups are contributing their talents to this year's festival. Watch for other surprise performers as well, including high schoolers Izabelle Almodovar and Athina Mitchell.

--**Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir's (PSGC)** unique sound is a harmonic fusion of traditional gospel, urban gospel and contemporary Christian music all blended heavily with Caribbean and Afro centric rhythms and spiritual overtones. The PSGC was organized in 1991 by students and has constantly emphasized the breadth and depth of gospel music in order to expose both SUNY Plattsburgh and the North Country to this unique American genre. The energetic musical arrangements has audiences clapping, swaying, and singing along with great exuberance!

Their motto is "Unity Through Song, Harmony Through People."

**Sounds of the Northway** has been entertaining North Country audiences for 15 years with traditional and contemporary songs on many subjects: women's rights and history, environment and natural beauty, social justice, love and life, laughter and living.

Ann Hope Ruzow Holland, Cathie Davenport, Vickie Putnam and Patricia Nelson sing, play a variety of instruments, and connect with audiences at concerts and community benefits. They have recorded two CDs, "Water, Women and Song" and "Herstory: Heroes Turning the World Right Side Up."

**The Too Tall String Band** features Celtic, Adirondack & even some Country. Formed 31 years ago, the current lineup includes Rod Driscoll (vocals, 6 & 12 string guitar, banjo, bodhran,

dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, plus Irish bouzouki), Hap Wheeler (vocals, Dobro, banjo, mandolin, guitar) and Bruce Lawson (vocals, bass, guitar).

Over the past 30 years, Too Tall String Band has performed all over northern and central New York, southern Quebec and northern Vermont. They have been featured at the Lake Placid Goodwill Games, the Adirondack Folk Festival, the Watertown Goes Green Irish Festival, Concerts on the Bluff, Saranac Lake First Night, the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival and the Battle of Plattsburgh Celebration, including an eleven-year run performing authentic pub tunes at the Battle of Plattsburgh's Israel Green's Tavern.

Admission is \$8 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12. Snacks will be for sale at the concert. Or bring your own picnic. No alcohol, please.