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CAPTION: Alden Robinson, Chris "Junior" Stevens, Miles Isacke and Jackie O'Riley will appear in Belfast on July 18

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#### BELFAST FLYING SHOES PRESENTS "SUNDAYS IN THE PARK" JULY 18

BELFAST – Local nonprofit, Belfast Flying Shoes (BFS), presents their first public in-person programming since March 2020. *Sundays in the Park*, an event series produced in collaboration with Belfast's Department of Parks & Recreation and the Belfast Bay Fiddlers, kicks off on Sunday, July 18, 2021, at Steamboat Landing on Belfast's waterfront.

Each event starts at 2:30 pm with a music workshop focusing on a distinctive branch of the contra dance music repertoire, followed by a 3:30 pm percussive dance workshop, to help participants discover and practice exciting ways for their shoes to fly. Guest performers and workshop participants will strut their stuff at the 5:00 pm concert and showcase, and the event concludes with a 6–8 pm open jam session for musicians of all ages and experience levels, hosted by the Belfast Bay Fiddlers.

The July 18 event features Irish and Irish-American music and dance. Alden Robinson (fiddle) and Christian “Junior” Stevens (button accordion and concertina), have played together for years—in Irish sessions in greater Portland, with their bandmates in the Press Gang, and on staff at Maine Fiddle Camp. Joined by Miles Isacke (banjo & guitar), the trio of Maine musicians will impart their skills and knowledge of the tradition. Boston-area dance teacher, Jackie O’Riley, will lead a workshop in old-style Irish step dancing, sean-nós dance, and will delight audience members with her percussive dance skills.

*Sundays in the Park* is free and open to the public, with suggested donations on a sliding scale of \$1 to \$30, and Belfast Flying Shoes welcomes individual supporters and business sponsors. Current Maine CDC guidelines for outdoor events will be followed. *Sundays in the Park* happens on July 18, August 22, and October 3; for details, visit the Belfast Flying Shoes website ([belfastflyingshoes.org](http://belfastflyingshoes.org)) or contact [belfastflyingshoes@gmail.com](mailto:belfastflyingshoes@gmail.com).

Belfast Flying Shoes was founded in 2005 with a mission to bolster the spirited dance and music community in Midcoast Maine. In addition to *Sundays in the Park*, BFS programs include the Flying Shoes Radio Hour on WBFY, programs at the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center a concert series for older adults, school residencies, and public dances.