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'North Meets South' At River Celebration On the West Branch

The West Branch Angler & Resort will host a river celebration featuring two top-notch musical acts on Sunday, Aug. 21.

The featured bands are the Alvarado Road Show, a Nashville-based country trio making its first appearance in New York that weekend, and the Blues Maneuver, the horn-driven Catskills R&B band that has been a regional favorite for more than a decade.

The event, "North Meets South on the West Branch," is sponsored by Friends of the Upper Delaware River. It will be held from 5 to 9 p.m.

Admission is free and open to everyone. Donations will be taken to cover the cost of the bands and to support FUDR's ongoing work to protect the Upper Delaware River system. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

"We're inviting everyone to come celebrate the best fishing season we've had in a long, long time with some cold beer and some hot music," said Dan Plummer, chairman of FUDR, a nonprofit river conservation group. "A new reservoir water release plan and Mother Nature-along with a little help from our friends-has kept the fish safe, and the fishing is still going strong. It's time to celebrate."

The West Branch Angler & Resort is located on the West Branch of the Delaware River near Hale Eddy, off Route 17 between Hancock and Deposit, N.Y. (To get there, take Route 17 to the Hale Eddy exit, cross the Hale Eddy Bridge, then turn left on Faulkner Road and proceed 3/4 of a mile to the resort.)

The Alvarado Road Show features brothers AJ and Cleve Clark and their nephew, drummer Brandon Trey. Known for tight sibling harmonies and vivid songwriting, ARS is a touring band that does more than 150 shows a year. The trio has performed in Nashville at the Grand Ole Opry, the famed Ryman Auditorium and at the CMA Music Festival.

Cleve and AJ Clark are contract songwriters for Sony/ATV Music Publishing, and they have shared credits with some of the biggest hitmakers in rock and country music, including Steve Wariner, Stan Lynch, David Z, Kyle Cook, Kim Williams and Rick Carnes.

The Blues Maneuver will get the party started at 5:15 p.m., then will join ARS on stage for a north-meets-south jam at end of the trio's set.

Luther Krajicek, frontman of the Blues Maneuver, said he became acquainted with the Clarks and Trey on the Gulf Coast..

"There are hundreds of great musicians working down on the southern coast, influenced both by Nashville and New Orleans," Krajicek said. "But these guys stood from the moment I heard their first song as something completely original. Great songs, great harmonies, great guys."

Krajicek lured them to New York for the first time this summer by booking them at several gigs, including the "Hoedown in the Blowdown" festival near Oneonta on Aug. 19 and as a show-opener for Mary Chapin Carpenter at the Belleayre Summer Music Festival on Aug. 20.

"I was saving Aug. 21 for a joint show with Blues Maneuver and ARS, and the river celebration was the perfect fit for that, thanks to Dan Plummer of FUDR and Sam Batschelet of West Branch Angler," Krajicek said.