

## **Irene Blows Rusted Root To Town; Band Will Join BLE?At Village Casino**

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An unfortunate scenario for the residents of Portland, Conn., has brought good fortune to southwestern New York's music enthusiasts. In the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, a Rusted Root concert scheduled for Sept. 24 at the Portland Fairgrounds has been rescheduled due to flood damage in the area.

With an open date at his disposal, Rusted Root founding member and vocalist Michael Glabicki hoped to add a southwestern New York concert to his band's schedule. By contacting his longtime friend John Streed, manager for Big Leg Emma, Glabicki did just that. Rusted Root will perform with Big Leg Emma at the Village Casino in Bemus Point on Saturday, Sept. 24.

It all started over the weekend, when Streed received a call from Glabicki. "He asked, 'Can you put something together in your area?'" Streed said.

From there, Streed went to work. "I've been working with their management to make all of this happen. I'm doing this because I'm friends with Michael Glabicki and Rusted Root. They're very happy with what we've been able to put together on such short notice."

What they've organized is the first Rusted Root concert in the area since an appearance at the Great Blue Heron Music Festival in Sherman in 2009. This will also be the first time anyone from Rusted Root has performed in the Village Casino since Glabicki did so in 2006. On that particular evening, he played with other performers, including the Steve Johnson Band, in the upstairs ballroom of the casino.

However, the Sept. 24 concert will be held downstairs in the casino due to a previously scheduled wedding upstairs.

Making an unexpected concert happen has not been an easy task for Streed and the staff of the Village Casino. "Logistically, it's hard to do a show on such short notice in such a small space, but it's working out very well and very smooth," Streed said. Without the support from the casino's staff, the concert would not be possible. Streed praised them for their efforts. "They have been nothing but professional and accommodating to put this together."

The 21-and-over show will begin at 10. Doors will open at nine. Tickets are \$20 in advance of the show and \$25 at the door. However, Streed does not believe tickets will last much longer. More than 500 have been made available, but they are going fast. "Ticket sales are going crazy. People are excited."

The concert, which is presented by the Village Casino and Blue Moon

Management, should have the crowd of 500-plus on their feet throughout the night, according to Streed. "It's going to be a very dance-friendly atmosphere. Come ready to dance all night long from Big Leg Emma to Rusted Root."

Concert attendees will notice a film team inside of the Village Casino on Sept. 24. The crew will record footage of the concert for a documentary on Rusted Root's tour.

For more information, or to order tickets, visit the Village Casino or call 664-0518 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 386-2333 from 5-9 p.m.

The Village Casino is at 1 Lakeside Drive in Bemus Point.

#### ABOUT THE BANDS

From Pittsburgh, Pa., Rusted Root reached international fame in 1994 with their multi-platinum album, "When I Woke." The disc featured the hit song "Send Me On My Way," which peaked at No. 72 on Billboard's "Hot 100." Rusted Root's follow-up album, "Remember," peaked at No. 38 on the Billboard 200. The band released its most recent album, "Stereo Radio," in May 2009. For more, visit [www.rustedroot.com](http://www.rustedroot.com).

Big Leg Emma formed right here in Jamestown back in 2001. Over the course of the past decade, the band has performed at the Great Blue Heron Music Festival, the Finger Lakes Grassroots Music Festival, the Bliss Festival, the Silver Maple Music Festival and at many other venues and festivals. Big Leg Emma has released four albums, including "Gramma Don't Like That," "The Color of Wind" and two live discs. The band's current lineup consists of Amanda Barton, Charity Nurse, Steve Johnson, Kev Rowe, Steve French and Rad Akers. For more, visit [www.biglegemma.com](http://www.biglegemma.com).