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ARLO GUTHRIE WILL BE HEADLINE PERFORMER AT 2004 FLORIDA FOLK FESTIVAL



WHITE SPRINGS, Florida — Legendary musician, performer and folk historian Arlo Guthrie, presented by ICM artists, will headline the entertainment at the 2004 Florida Folk Festival on Saturday, May 29th.

Thousands of attendees will flock to the *Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park* on the banks of the historic Suwannee River to hear renowned folk stars such as Guthrie, stroll through cultural exhibits and enjoy one of America's oldest and largest folk festivals.

Arlo Guthrie was born with a guitar in one hand and a harmonica in the other, in Coney Island, New York in 1947. He is the eldest son of America's beloved singer/writer/philosopher Woody Guthrie and Marjorie Mazia Guthrie, a professional dancer with the Martha Graham Company and founder of The Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease. Arlo's father, Woody, composed and performed hundreds of songs, including the still-celebrated "This Land Is Your Land."

Arlo Guthrie's career exploded in 1967 with the release of *Alice's Restaurant*, whose title song premiered at the Newport Folk Festival and helped foster a new commitment to social consciousness among the '60s generation. Arlo went on to star in the 1969 Hollywood film version of *Alice's Restaurant*, directed by Arthur Penn.

Now in its 52nd year, the Florida Folk Festival is one of America's oldest and largest celebrations of cultural heritage. The Festival brings instrumental and vocal music, storytelling, dancing, arts, crafts and traditional food to visitors every Memorial Day weekend. Readers of *Florida Monthly* magazine voted the event the "Best Cultural Festival in Florida" in 2000 and 2001. For festival and ticket information, contact the State of Florida's Nature & Heritage Tourism Center at 1-877-635-3655.

The 52nd annual Florida Folk Festival is sponsored in part by the Florida Humanities Council.

For more information, visit the Florida Folk Festival Web site at www.FloridaFolkFestival.com or contact Elaine McGrath, Marketing Director at 1-877-635-3655.

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