

Music in Milbridge



For part of the evening's entertainment Aug. 31, Frank Migliorelli, second from left, was joined by Barbara Brousal on guitar, Bill Hogeland on banjo, and Tiger on drums. The group is known as the Beal's Island Porch Rats.

Frank Migliorelli, Beals Island Porch Rats Perform

Frank Migliorelli entertained the audience at the Milbridge Outdoor Stage with music he played on acoustic guitar. The performance was on Friday, Aug. 31.

Part way through the evening, Migliorelli was joined by three others who, together with Migliorelli, formed a group called

The Beals Island Porch Rats. The members of the group are Barbara Brousal, who played guitar, Bill Hogeland, on banjo, and a member known as Tiger who played drums.

Several of Migliorelli's songs were from well-known movies including "Mrs. Robinson," sung by Simon and Garfunkle

and used in the movie "The Graduate;" "Over the Rainbow," from "The Wizard of Oz;" and "I'm a Believer," a song popularized by the Monkeys and included in the movie "Shrek."

Other songs performed were a Buddy Holly tune, "Maybe Baby;" "Stand by Me," a Ben E. King song; "Man in the Corner Shop," a Paul Weller song; and "Fisherman's Blues," by The Waterboys.

During his performance Migliorelli dedicated one of his songs to his wife, one to the late Aretha Franklin and the remaining song to the late Sen. John McCain.

Migliorelli recounted that he and his family had many happy memories of times spent at the original Milbridge Theatre. His last song of the evening was from the movie "Greece," "Alone at a Drive-in Movie."

Before the start of the program, those attending were treated to special snacks made for the occasion by Rhonda Pinkham and Wanda Hammond.



Rhonda Pinkham and Wanda Hammond made special snacks for the audience to enjoy before the performance by Frank Migliorelli. Coastal Chronicle photos.

Freemont Street String Band Attracts Large Audience

More than 230 people attended the Aug. 24 performance of the Freemont Street String Band at the Milbridge Theatre Outdoor Stage.

The band is composed of four members, all from the Machias area. The performance at the outdoor stage was part of a release tour for the group's first album, "Dirigo." Members of the band write most of their own music and can also do covers.

The Friday night performance included all of the songs from their new album as well as others.

The group takes its name

from the street in Machias where several of them lived.

The audience was one of the largest at the regular Friday evening performances. Some members of the audience demonstrated their enthusiasm by dancing and the group continued playing beyond the normal time allotted.

Machias Savings Bank provided food.

The next outdoor stage event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 14. It is titled "Music of the Regions" and will involve Arcadian, Celtic and Scottish performances.



The Freemont Street String Band performed to one of the largest crowds of the summer at the Milbridge Outdoor Stage. Photo courtesy of Richard Bondurant.

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