

## Where Last Fair Deal Has Performed...

Ives Center for the Performing Arts / Danbury, CT ♦ Falcon Ridge Folk Festival / Hillsdale, NY ♦ Hickoryfest / Wellsboro, PA ♦ Club Passim / Cambridge, MA ♦ Western Connecticut State University / Danbury, CT ♦ Nichols College / Dudley, MA ♦ University of Hartford "Folk Next Door" / Hartford, CT ♦ Iron Horse / Northampton, MA ♦ Northeast Regional Folk Alliance Showcase / Monticello, NY ♦ Eastern States Exposition / W. Springfield, MA ♦ Sounding Board Concert Series / West Hartford, CT ♦ Williams College Winter Festival / Williamstown, MA ♦ Post University / Waterbury, CT ♦ Musikfest / Bethlehem, PA ♦ Three Rivers College / Norwich, CT ♦ Green Chimneys School / Brewster, NY ♦ National Governors' Conference / Boston, MA ♦ Theater by the Sea / Portsmouth, NH ♦ Blueback Square Wednesday Night Music Series / W. Hartford, CT ♦ Roaring Brook Concert Series / Canton, CT ♦ Wadsworth Atheneum / Hartford, CT ♦ Nameless Coffeehouse / Cambridge, MA ♦ New Haven Folk Festival / New Haven, CT ♦ Railway Café / North Adams, MA ♦ Goodspeed Opera House / Haddam, CT ♦ Thomaston Opera House / Thomaston, CT ♦ Levitt Pavilion / Westport, CT ♦ Nightsky Concert Series / Litchfield, CT ♦ Gedney Farm / New Marlboro, MA ♦ Gideon's Nightery / North Adams, MA ♦ Hartland Folk Festival / East Hartland, CT ♦ Concord Concert Series / Concord, NH ♦ First Night / Stamford, CT, Hartford CT ♦ Yale University / New Haven, CT ♦ Topsfield Fair Grounds / Topsfield, MA ♦ Toad's Place / New Haven, CT ♦ CPTV / Hartford, CT ♦ Bushnell Park / Hartford, CT ♦ Marlborough Arts Barn / Marlborough, CT ♦ Country Gentlemen's Bluegrass Festival / Escoheag, RI ♦ Middletown Arts Festival / Middletown, CT

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## Music Downloads and Calendar

[www.LastFairDeal.com](http://www.LastFairDeal.com)

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## Information and Booking

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*new American roots music*



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**The Boston Globe**

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**Sing Out! Magazine**

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Last Fair Deal continues to redraw the map of American roots music with energy and creativity. Their eclectic repertoire reflects influences from bluegrass, jazz, acoustic rock and contemporary singer-songwriters, and features their own original material as well as unique interpretations of classic songs from the likes of Bob Dylan, The Beatles, John Hiatt, Nat King Cole, and The Band.

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## Last Fair Deal is...



**Tom Hagymasi**, on fiddle, bouzouki, and accordion brings Celtic and swing styles to the band's sound.



**Paul Howard**, guitar and harmonica, contributes his formative influences of jazz and rock.



**Phil Zimmerman**, mandolin, banjo, and autoharp, brings the influences of folk and traditional bluegrass.

Each member of Last Fair Deal brings his own portfolio of musical influences. These three skilled instrumentalists are powerful singers too. Together they continue to break new ground as Connecticut's most progressive and enduring "String Band for the Twenty-First Century" — as they have for four decades!

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## Reviews...

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**Scott Alarik, The Boston Globe**

*Lively... Solid... A complete new acoustic package worthy of attention beyond just the East Coast.*  
**Sing Out! Magazine**

*Demonstrating a respect for tradition, Last Fair Deal presents a creative mix of enlightened acoustic music drawn from tried-and-true catalogs complemented by well-crafted original songs.*  
**Stephanie P. Ledgin, author, Homegrown Music**

*...instrumental prowess, impressive vocals...a blend of genres bringing something truly unique to the acoustic roots scene.*  
**Farmington Valley Post**

*An acoustic treasure chest...*  
**Waterbury Republican**

## Presenters' Responses...

*Last Fair Deal has been an integral part of our popular line-up of concert performances for the past several years. We call them one of our "anchor bands" because we develop our concert series around them because of their talent. Their... music is vibrant and full of passion. I have never experienced a more talented band that actually enjoys what they are doing... it really shows.*

**Rich DiCarlo, Chairman, Cultural Commission, Derby, CT**

*The evening was a success from start to finish. Last Fair Deal is a class act.*  
**Ty Smith, Naugatuck Arts Commission, Naugatuck, CT**

*Their performance was high energy and engaging, and the audience response was enthusiastic. They play their instruments with a high level of expertise and after two 45 minute sets they left the audience wanting more.*

**Branford Folk Music Society, Branford, CT**

*Beyond the sheer quality of their music which received an enthusiastic response from our students, I was very impressed with the ease with which the group worked with me to make their appearance at our coffeehouse a reality. They are in the best sense of the word, a "class act".*

**Walter Cramer, Dean of Students,  
Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT**

*Last Fair Deal was enthusiastically received by the audience at our town concert.... Musical talent is not the only thing that comes through when watching this band play. Their love for music and their professionalism shine through with each song.*

**Brian Leonard, Beach and Recreation Director, Morris, CT**

*Last Fair Deal's masterful musicianship combined with a wonderful repertoire of traditional tunes, contemporary classics... and their remarkable original material is truly exceptional. As a group the chemistry between the players is obviously well seasoned, but also apparent is the way each member is consummate & versatile.*

**Ray Pioggia, Friends of the Farm at Hilltop, Suffield, CT**

*Last Fair Deal played at my establishment this past Saturday to a full-house.... Their numbers were tight, their harmonies smooth and their instrumentation was exceptional. The audience loved them....*

**Barry Jessurun Owner/President/General Manager  
The Vanilla Bean Café, Pomfret, CT**