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**Performance Date:** Saturday, July 7, 2007, 6 – 9 pm

**Performance Headline:** The Folklife Festival Preview at the Morris Graves Museum of Art will feature Lisa Monet, Melody Walker, and Old Dog

## July 7, 2007 Folklife Festival Preview with Lisa Monet, Melody Walker, and Old Dog

The Folklife Festival is an annual seven day music celebration with concerts, dances, workshops, jams and more! It kicks off this year on Sunday, July 15th with the Free Annie & Mary Day Fiddle Festival in Blue Lake's Perigot Park, followed by four concert nights at Dell'Arte, a Friday night dance at the Bayside Grange, and then the Saturday All Day Free Festival back at Dell'Arte. For more information and tickets to the evening shows, visit [www.humboldtfolklife.org](http://www.humboldtfolklife.org) or call 707-822-5394.

**\*\*\*Lisa Monet, 6 pm\*\*\***

Lisa Monet has gained national acclaim and popular success for her children's recordings. Billboard Magazine calls her "a consummate artist [who] successfully weds original and traditional songs, child and adult voices, and the silly and the serious in her music" and has named her one of "the Five Leading Ladies in children's music." She has been a best selling artist on the Garberville-based Music for Little People label, and is producing her sixth collection of family favorites. Her songs feature both Spanish and English, in a bilingual fusion of music from around the world.

**\*\*\*Melody Walker, 7 pm\*\*\***

Melody Walker performs in a wide range of incarnations: as a member the women's acapella ensemble AkaBella, as one of the Luscious Ladies, as a Wandering Menstrual, and as a solo artist writing and singing unique compositions. She combines the folk tradition with progressive influences to play music that is interesting and edgy while still operating in the spirit of the singer-songwriter; her songs pinpoint personal epiphanies from within a honey-coated melodic matrix.

**\*\*\*Old Dog, 8 pm\*\*\***

Old Dog is five fabulous fellows making new time music - with leavenings of bluegrass, country and old time traditional sounds. The Dogs are Gary Davidson on bass, Dave Deason on percussion and ephemera, Marty Dodd on guitar, Chris Frolking on mandolin and Tom Pexton on fiddle. Their 2007 release "Old Dog Unleashed" features songs written and arranged by Dodd and Pexton. The act has been popular with Folklife audiences for years and returns to the summer Festival this summer to celebrate the new recording.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public Noon-5p.m., Thursday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.