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Summers selected as folk festival winner

Singer/songwriter and Glen rock resident Cynthia Summers has been selected by a panel of judges from the New Jersey Folk Festival as one of six winners of the 2004 New Folk Showcase in the original music category. Summers will appear on the Shore State at this year's folk festival on April 24 on the Douglass Campus of Rutgers University.

The festival is a day-long, free event that boasts a proven 30-year track record and an average attendance of 15,000. The festival features four stages of music, dance workshops, and activities as well as an abundance of food vendors and a juried craft market.

Summers, who holds an M.A. in creative writing from the University of New Hampshire, awards from Columbia University and the Robert Frost Place, as well as honors from other organizations, has been a featured performer at

numerous folk venues, including the Sanctuary Concerts, the Minstrel Coffeehouse, and the NJ Folk Project.

"This is truly a great honor to be recognized by the New Jersey Folk Festival as one of the best singer/songwriters in the state," said Summers. "There is an abundance of talent in acoustic music in this state, and those talents will be on display April 24. I am thrilled to a part of it."

This is the first year that Summers will participate in the Folk Festival, which is the longest-running major folk festival in the nation.

The festival unites the academic with the community from which the featured traditions arise.