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## **ANNUAL HARTFOLK FESTIVAL OPENS AT UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH**

***Multiple Performers & Bands Including Opening Act,  
The Nields***



WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (May 12, 2015) – The University of Saint Joseph presents the Hartford Festival on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place in the Hoffman Auditorium at the University’s main campus, located at 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, Conn. Tickets, which are available online ([tickets.usj.edu](http://tickets.usj.edu)) or via the Frances Driscoll box office (860.231.5555), are \$22 for adults, \$17 for seniors, and \$10 for youth (ages 18 and under). Parking is free.

Hartfolk welcomes headlining act, The Nields, a beloved folk-duo sibling act from Western Massachusetts. The night also includes performances by New York City band Han and the Radio Flyers, Connecticut State Troubadour Kristen Graves, harmony-driven duo The Levins, and Connecticut’s Best Singer-Songwriter of the Year James Maple. Hartfolk’s theme this year comes from a Nields song lyric: “Face to the sun.” This uplifting notion will be an undercurrent throughout the night’s events.

Artistic Director, Kate Callahan, is thrilled at this year’s line-up. “I’ve been listening to The Nields since the 1990s and feel fortunate to have them join us with some of the strongest work of their career.” Callahan also says, “Our singer-songwriter round includes Connecticut artist, like Graves and Maple, who mesmerize audiences with the depth of their craft. It’s going to be a moving night.”

The Hartford Festival also hosts an Open Mic and Songwriting Contest at 7:30 p.m. on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Wood N Tap Bar and Grill, located at 99 Sisson Avenue in Hartford.

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