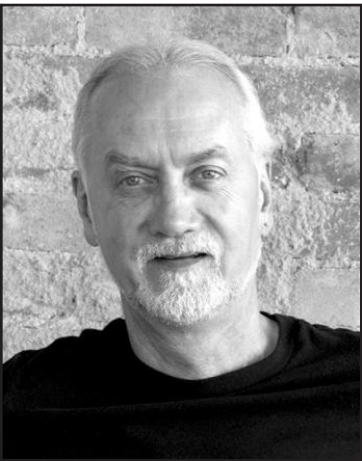


# 2018 Ferdinand Folk Festival singer-songwriter contest showcases local musicians

Indiana singer-songwriters will open up the Ferdinand Folk Festival at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 15 on the NextEra Energy Main Stage in Ferdinand's 18th Street Park. They will also have the option of performing a short set on the Kyana Woodstock Market Stage during the afternoon of the festival. The artists will be selling CDs and merchandise at both events. These local musicians have shared their original works in the packed 70-seat theatre of St. Benedict's Brew Works in Ferdinand on August 19. The Ferdinand Folk Festival Singer-Songwriter Showcase was also a benefit concert to help keep the festival free. The following performers will open the festival:



**Douglas Haines**

## Douglas Haines

An award-winning Americana singer-songwriter from Winona Lake, Douglas Haines blends acoustic guitar melodies with a poet's gift for capturing a story in lyric form. Music is an expression of his deepest thoughts and feelings as he blends his lyrics with intricate fingerstyle picking. Haines released his first solo album *I Can't Change* in 2017. "Music is my love and passion," says Haines. "I write creative lyrics that communicate to my listeners in hopes that they draw them into personal reflection." Haines has been entertaining audiences for more than 30 years.

## Kriss Luckett and Greg Ziesemer

Kriss Luckett and Greg Ziesemer, of Madison, are music and life partners with many years of stage and songwriting experience. With their roots in Indianapolis, they have three CDs out. "We write what we know, love, life, family, and the world around us," Luckett states, "We are inspired by the stories and hearts of the people we meet, the books we read, and the yarns we spin. Some are real, some are dreams, and some are totally made-up." Visit [www.gregandkriss.com](http://www.gregandkriss.com) for more info.



**Kriss Luckett and Greg Ziesemer**

## Jacob McDaniel

Jacob McDaniel acquired a love of vintage folk and blues music at a young age in New Salisbury. He began guitar lessons at age 11, after inheriting a 1980 Guild G37 acoustic guitar from his deceased uncle. "I have been inspired by the genuine beauty and authenticity of the music of Bob Dylan, Cat Stephens, and The Allman Brothers Band," he says. "I draw inspiration from the world around me, turning snippets of rhymes, random thoughts, and song titles into full compositions." McDaniel's new album, *An Untitled Life*, features the inherited guitar.



**Jacob McDaniel**



## Clayton N. Schroeder

Returning for his second year in the Singer-Songwriter Showcase, Clayton is a husband and father of two from Bloomington. A storyteller at heart, his songs come from his life, his jobs, his friends, and the people with whom he crosses paths whether in real life or in dreams. "I love stories," he says. "I love sharing them. I love hearing them. I love creating them. I find inspiration all around me. Songs are like half-buried treasures on a beach. Sometimes all it takes is just brushing off a little sand."



**Clayton N. Schroeder**



**The Strings of Indian Creek**

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The Strings of Indian Creek are a progressive, Americana folk rock group hailing from Milltown and Orleans. Band members include Christopher Bell, Arianna Cox, and Brandon Bambusch. They blend multiple genres of music, including bluegrass and country, to create a fun and rowdy musical experience. "We are excited that we got picked to play at the showcase and the folk fest. We can't wait," says band member Chris Bell.

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