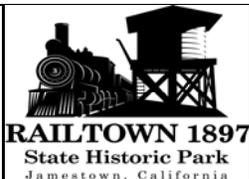


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## **Railtown 1897 Presents Popular “Singing Rails” Railroad Music Festival on August 4**

***Featuring Three Performances for the Price of One, the Talented  
Mary McCaslin Set to Headline 3rd Annual Musical Festival***

**JAMESTOWN, Calif.** – On Saturday evening, August 4, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) is sponsoring an upbeat and festive “Singing Rails” musical event that reflects America’s longstanding love affair with trains and the railroad through the magic of music. Known for iconic songs such as “Way Out West,” “Last Cannonball” and “Ghost Train” to name a few, the talented American folk singer Mary McCaslin is set to headline the 3rd annual crowd-pleasing event. McCaslin’s music ranges from ballads of the old west to her own songs of the new west and modern times. Regarded as a pioneer of open guitar tunings and known for her distinctive vocal style, Mary’s influences can be heard in many younger folk performers.

To kick off the evening’s musical festivities, the Sierra Mountain Band, a local Sonora-area band playing traditional music from cowboy to honky tonk roadhouse, will warm up the audience followed by Faux Renwahs, an acoustic trio specializing in old-time style music with an original twist. Using traditional instruments including fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, octave mandolin and bass violin, Faux Renwahs cover a wide range of music, American and Celtic fiddle tunes, and old and new songs blended harmoniously with their own compositions.

The family-friendly music festival activities will take place outdoors on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn at Railtown 1897 SHP with the Sierra Mountain Band at 5 p.m., Faux Renwahs at 6 p.m. and Mary McCaslin beginning at 7 p.m. While refreshments and food will be available for purchase at the “Singing Rails” event, guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic items. Tickets to the music festival are \$10 in advance at [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org) or \$12 at the gate; children 12 and under are free. More information about “Singing Rails” or Railtown 1897 SHP is available by calling 209-984-3953.

In addition to the “Singing Rails” music festival in the evening, Railtown 1897 SHP will also be participating in the “Rods to Rails” car show event happening earlier that day throughout the town and presented by the Jamestown Promotion Club. Car show visitors to Jamestown can enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride to Railtown 1897 SHP where live music will be playing and steam-train excursion

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rides will be available (for an additional fee). Park admission prices apply throughout the day and the evening "Singing Rails" event requires a separate ticket for entrance.

**About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park**

*Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as "The Movie Railroad," the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. As of 1/2/12, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open Thursdays through Mondays (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day) and the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org)*