

Letters

A Rewarding Experience

Saturday, October 4, was a very large day: The first annual JazzFest Falmouth at the Bigelow Marine Park on the harbor. The weather was perfect, the organizing committee seemed to have thought of everything, from ease of entry and re-entry, food vendors appropriate for the occasion, lighting and heat for later in the evening, to the range and variety of styles of the musical groups.

Our young people did very well—I hope Falmouth Academy will have a larger presence next year. The high school jazz band was excellent. Some of the following groups were over-amplified, notably Marcus Monteiro 4, as well as the higher notes of some female singers.

The set-up times preceding each group gave us ample and welcome opportunities to walk around outside the tent in the sun, to admire the artisans' wares, and to sample food and drink.

When I arrived about noon in order to hear the young people, I wondered if I'd manage to stay long enough to hear the star groups scheduled to appear many hours later. Energy and anticipation seemed to increase such that I found it easy to return to my campstool for every group. I was richly rewarded.

Many thanks to the staff, volunteers, and musicians for a great show—may it continue annually.

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