



## Strand On The Air Heads Up To Camp Sunday, June 26 on WRFR

Grab the hot dogs and the marshmallows, pack up the bug spray and the tick spoon -- Strand On The Air, the Strand Theatre's original radio variety show, goes up to camp in its June broadcast. The latest installment, the "Summer Camp Edition," will be broadcast on Sunday, June 26 at 5pm and can be heard by tuning in to WRFR at 93.3 in Rockland or by streaming at WRFR.org. Following their broadcasts, the shows are made available to stream on the Strand Theatre website at RocklandStrand.com, and as podcasts.

Join Liz McLeod and the Strand Family Players, plus Brittany Parker and Dan Bookham, for an hour of laughs and tunes as we all try to escape the heat or the cold (depending on when this article sees print), duck the sunburn, and try to find a parking place. "All Things Rescinded" will explore the state of not-really-post-pandemic summer travel, consider the possibility of a superhero blockbuster summer flick that hasn't been done before, and will interview Almost The Last Living Person In America Without A Smartphone. And down in Abysmal Point, the woods are full of cuckoos, as Mrs. Grunden, Lilita, Gertie, and Edith head for the tranquil algae-blooming waters of Sluice Lake. All this and the music of returning Strand On The Air favorites Patty Jackson and Rusty Blake!

For more information, visit [www.RocklandStrand.com](http://www.RocklandStrand.com), email: [info@rocklandstrand.com](mailto:info@rocklandstrand.com), or call (207) 594-0070. Strand Theatre, 345 Main Street, Rockland, ME 04841



## Free Big Band Jazz Concert in the Camden Amphitheatre

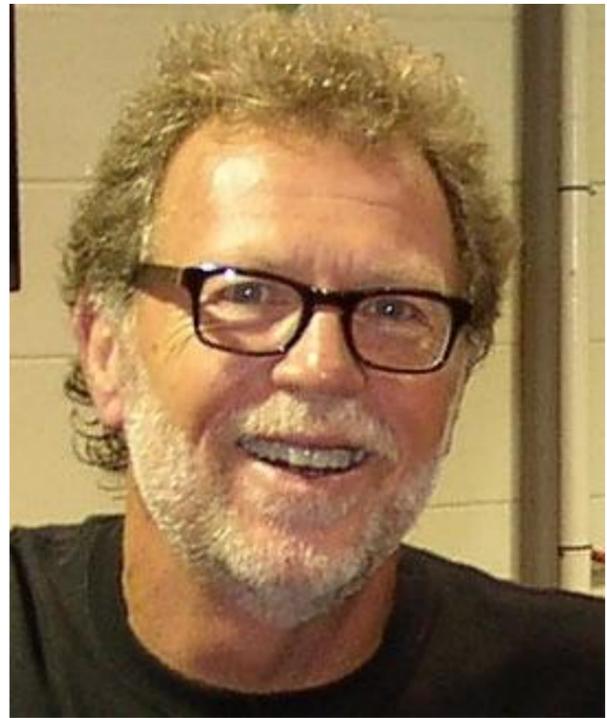
The public is invited to swing into summer on Monday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. with the Mondaynight Jazz Orchestra (MoJO). Bring a camp chair or blanket, and pack a picnic to make the most of this family-friendly event in the beautiful Camden Amphitheatre.

MoJO performs a variety of musical styles including traditional big band, Latin, funk, and blues. They provide opportunities for music students to improve their skills. Members are committed to rehearsing every Monday night.

This concert is part of the Camden Public Library's Summer Music & Theatre Series, supported by Allen Insurance. Find the complete list of events in the series at [librarycamden.org](http://librarycamden.org)

## YES, MEN HOG THE TV REMOTE - by Chris Wolf

Science confirmed what women already know: men hog the TV remote. Researchers (London Business School) conducted a study into TV viewing habits and found that men always seize control of the remote, regardless of whether they are planning to change the channel. The research showed that even when a woman was watching a program that she wanted to watch, the man had to hang on to the remote — even though he wasn't going to flip the channel.



*The ever so humble, world famous,*

## Jim Gibson

interview by Ron Staschak

Welcome to WRFR and Maine. Jim is a wonderful addition to the WRFR community. Listen in to his show (Friday 2-3pm) and check out his website: [www.gotogibson.com](http://www.gotogibson.com). If you get a chance, watch him perform live.

*What do you do at the radio station?*

I will start hosting a show "The Jim Gibson Show" every Friday 2pm - 3pm. Featuring songwriters from all over the world and local songwriters as well. Music from all genres.

*How long have you been volunteering?*

What time is it now? Ha, ha. I am just starting out, so it all starts this Friday June 10th.

*Why did you decide to volunteer/why did you want to have a show?*

I have been a professional musician my entire career, over 40 years. Always loved the radio. Time to give back to the community that meant so much to me. It's an amazing media.

*Other than the show you host, what is your favorite show?*

I love them all. I can listen to the music shows and always hear something that I've never heard before, then drop in on a political show and hear about the issues of the day. I can catch a light and humorous side listening to comedy.

*Is there a question should have asked you?*

Where can people check out my music? - My web site [www.gotogibson.com](http://www.gotogibson.com) people can download all my music for free until July 5th.

*What musical performance caused you desire to create music?*

My Aunt Evelyn used to come visit us when I was a kid about 5 years old, she's always bring an instrument with her. Harmonica, Accordion, Banjo and she would sit and play and I was amazed. As I grew older, I wanted to play an instrument, I was about 11 years old when the Beatles hit. I told my parents, I wanted to play drums, so, they bought me an accordion. I took lessons for a while, but asked again...I want to play drums, so, they signed me up for string bass in Junior high school orchestra,, I once again said, I want to play drums, so, they got me a guitar. That was it for me, fell in love with the guitar. Never got the drums, but my neighbor had drums and we started a band.

*Other than yourself, who is the greatest guitarist?*

I am not the greatest guitarist, I just hope I'm not the worst. For the greatest, You got to go with the Giants who's shoulder's we stand on. Robert Johnson, Charlie Christian, Django, Sister Rosetta Tharpe.

*Do you write lyrics? If so, what inspires you.*

Yes, I write both lyrics and melody. Sometimes I collaborate with other songwriters. I used to be inspired to write songs about relationships, love, not in love etc. But, lately I've been writing songs about "sewing machines", I guess that makes me a "Singer Songwriter" Seriously though, I get inspired by everyday conversations I have with other folks or hear someone talking to someone else and and say something that sounds like a great title for a song, and run with it.

by Phyllis Merriam

American women's bodies are more regulated than guns in America. Already 16

States' legislatures have passed laws severely restricting or banning legal abortions.

Soon conservative, religious, politicized SCOTUS justices will be in exam rooms with women and their doctors making sure women's choices will be closely regulated.

What if male vasectomies were regulated as much as women's bodies by state legislatures and SCOTUS (which almost rhymes with scrotums)?

Such a beautiful spring evening, with cirrus clouds like chiffon scarves dragged by a beautiful diva, and the moon, almost full, rests its pale disc on a schooner's topsail.

The Jan. 6 Committee's first two hearings demonstrated how close America came to a coup, and how easily that might happen again in 2024. What heroism, Caroline Edwards, a young Capitol Police Officer, demonstrated trying to protect the Capitol, congressional members and the vice president and her fellow officers from the rampaging, violent mobs. Wyoming Republican Representative Liz Cheney is my new heroine. She is like the old guard Republicans who no longer exist. My witty husband says the Jan. 6th Committee hearings are, "Like overturning rocks to discover a lot of worms."

Most people do not like liars. So, how do millions of Americans accept The Big Lie Trump has been espousing since he lost the 2020 election? I guess its because the GOP has become a cult of personality and cults follow their leaders to the bitter end.

Teachers in Texas, Ohio and other red states, are now expected to be armed to protect their students against active shooters. As though being a teacher isn't hard enough. That's like expecting victims of crimes to handle perpetrators themselves instead of law enforcement.

Ukraine is losing huge numbers of their fighters in the Donbas region, and is pleading with NATO countries to send more weaponry.

Rockland has become a haven of sorts for vulnerable homeless people. One has been camping in a local park this spring, after having tented all winter by the sewer treatment plant. City council and our city's administration have no collaborative working agreements among the critical entities that could help our homeless fellow human beings, such as Adult Protective Services, homeless resources, mental health, law enforcement. Wealthy covid refugees have been buying up expensive homes or building them, all the while we have homeless individuals nearby. Meanwhile, our city's administration has been touting affordable housing. Is homeless tenting in our city's public places what they have in mind?

While I was chatting on the phone with a neighbor/friend, she reported seeing a grey fox come through her yard and head across the street. I saw it, too. It was a beautiful, healthy looking fox with a large brush loping along. Our woody backyard neighborhood has sheltered foxes and deer for years – likely decades.

This week a male customer in Goodwill, wielding a golf club, destroyed merchandise and threatened people until the police arrived. Maybe the guy couldn't handle stroke and distance penalties on the green? Or maybe life with \$5 a gallon gas, food prices, no affordable housing and poorly paid service jobs was too much?



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Ever since Bill Holm heard Ring of Fire as a young boy on summer vacation, things have never been the same. He's been a free range connoisseur of a vast expanse of music ever since, everything from Duke Ellington to Duke Robillard, and Tom Jones to Tom Waits. Nobody (not even Bill) knows what his kaleidoscopic musical calliope will decide to play next. What's for certain is there will be a good story to tell along with it!

Eddie, well, he's out there somewhere, listening to satellite dish reflections and backwards recordings of The Outer Limits. Like his brother Bill, he's a musical omnivore of a bewildering assortment of styles, in a good way. Probably. He's forgotten way more about music than most people ever know, which ends up meaning that he really doesn't say much.



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