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Free Family Series Opens with Spirited Gypsy Jazz Band

Marlborough, MA, June 26 – Have a great time listening to lively, danceable music without spending a penny! The Hot Club de Marlborough plays standards from the 1930s and 1940s in a spirited style called “gypsy jazz” that will get all ages on their feet and moving. The free outdoor concert takes place Saturday, June 26, 11:00 a.m., at Union Common, corner of Main and Bolton streets, Marlborough. Rain location is the Walker Building 3rd Floor Auditorium, 255 Main Street, Marlborough. The concert is the first of the Saturday Morning Discovery Series, which offers a free concert every Saturday through September 11. The Saturday Morning Discovery Series is a program of the City of Marlborough and the Arts Alliance.

Seasoned bluegrass musician Peter Anick created the band with his son, Jason Anick, who just graduated from Marlborough High School. Jason is the fiddler, his dad the guitarist. Fellow MHS grad Jenna Bracciale sings, and Leah Ferjulian, who just graduated from Hudson High School, plays upright bass.

With three college-bound teens in the quartet, music lovers only have the summer to enjoy the band, whose gypsy jazz style was created by Le Quintette du Hot Club de France of the 1930s. Legendary musicians Django Reinhardt on guitar and Stéphane Grappelli on fiddle gave the band its unusual sound, which the elder Anick considers a combination of jazz and folk music. Anick learned the style after hanging out with Manouche gypsies in the South of France. “It really seems to be coming from the heart and has a lot of soul...it’s a lot to me like bluegrass,” he says. “I kind of think of it as a sort of a European or gypsy form of bluegrass...it’s intense but happy.”

The Saturday Morning Discovery Series is generously funded by the City of Marlborough, Fidelity Investments, the Ezra M. Cutting Trust, and the Hudson Savings Bank, allowing families to enjoy a whole summer of wonderful, talented performers at no charge. For more information, call the Arts Alliance at 978-562-1646.