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Great Big Concert in 2008

The Town of Gander has announced a great big concert event this coming summer as part of its 50th Anniversary Celebrations and Festival of Flight. The hugely popular band Great Big Sea will be headlining a major concert at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park on Saturday, August 2, 2008.

One of Newfoundland and Labrador's most successful musical ambassadors, Great Big Sea is known for its energetic combination of Celtic rock and traditional folk. The St. John's-based band has released eight albums, including their latest, 'The Hard and the Easy' (2005), and two DVDs. During their 13-year career, band members Alan Doyle, Sean McCann and Bob Hallett have been honoured with multiple East Coast Music Awards, including Entertainer of the Year 1996-2000 and JUNO Award nominations including Group of the Year in 1998 and 2005. Great Big Sea is currently readying their new album, set for release in the summer of 2008.

Other acts will be added to the program to create an excellent afternoon and early evening of entertainment at beautiful Cobb's Pond Rotary Park. The concert is one of numerous special events being planned for 2008, including heritage projects focusing on some of Gander's greatest achievements.

Early bird tickets go on sale Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 9 a.m. at the Gander Community Centre, or may be purchased by credit card by calling 651-5931. Tickets will also be available from the band's website at www.GreatBigSea.com. These hot tickets will make a great stocking stuffer for music lovers of any age.

Tickets are \$30.00 plus tax and handling fee for the first 3,000 only. After that, advance tickets will be \$40.00 plus tax and handling fee. Because of the size of the Cobb's Pond venue there are a limited number of tickets so fans are advised to get them early as this will clearly be a sell-out event.

Councillor Rob Anstey, chair of Council's Tourism and Special Events Committee, noted this will be an enormous undertaking for the Town of Gander and will be a quality entertainment event, adding that a number of corporate sponsors have been confirmed and others are being negotiated.

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“This is absolutely huge and will help generate the kind of profile and excitement that we want to see during our anniversary and festival celebrations,” he said. “We look forward to hosting Great Big Sea and their thousands of loyal fans in this all-ages concert event in the summer of 2008.”

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