

Press Release

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GRAMMY WINNER LAURENCE HOBGOOD TO SIT IN FOR RUFFALO

April 2, First Cast Season Opener Show Goes On

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“...one of the most incredible pianists I have ever heard.” Dave Brubeck.

Laurence Hobgood will return from Portugal in time to deliver the *First Cast* at Junction Pool on April 2, 2011. Hobgood is one of the most celebrated jazz pianists, arrangers, composers and also an award winning journalist in the world. Sitting in for previously scheduled Mark Ruffalo, who was called back to Hollywood. In addition to his celebrity appearance, they most likely will get him to get behind the piano at the Two Headed Trout Dinner that evening. The CFFCM guarantees that this year's First Cast will be one you will not want to miss with special guests who may also make an appearance. This is more than just fishing; it is all about fly fishing.

Immediately following First Cast all attendees will be invited to a special surprise birthday party and presentation ceremony for one of the Catskills most..... It is a surprise.

At 7:30 AM at Roscoe's Junction Pool the CFFCM First Family of Fishing, the Phelans (Jeff, Erin, Alicia, and Allie) and Roscoe Chamber of Commerce will host and welcome special guest Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and a maybe few others. Together they will continue the tradition of the ceremonial first cast of the season. Come early and take part in the festivities (if not the fishing) and have a hot beverage and breakfast snack provided by the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. Arrive early and get a good spot to watch the group. This is a day to reacquaint yourself with friends, businesses and neighbors. Stay after with us to attend a special surprise birthday party with a presentation ceremony organized by the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce and the full day of fly fishing fun, events and activities through out the day.

Following First Cast you can make a full day of it:

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum will open immediately following the streamside activity to officially show off the new exhibits and the recent over-winter remodeling. Agnes and Tony will have the coffee on, and Agnes' world famous cookies and soup will be on the table. Ted Patlen will once again launch the Saturday Guest Fly Tyers Program, fly tyer Don Bastian will bring in of his Bergman replicated collection in its entirety for display, and Roscoe's most recognized artist Jack Yelle, will be signing and selling his limited edition "2011 First Cast" print until noon.

Mike Canazon and the bamboo boys, sponsored by the Livingston Manor Lions Club, will once again be at the Livingston Manor Gym from 10AM to 1PM to cast off some of the winter dust. They'll feature some classic rods, new creations, and old favorites to cast. They'll familiarize non-cane members with the beauty of natural bamboo rods. They encourage everyone to give it a try and will offer some casting tips and techniques for the new season ahead. All children and students are welcome to give it a try.

At 6:00 PM the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce will once again hosts the traditional "Two Headed Trout" dinner at Rockland House. Reservations can be made directly with Rockland House (607-498-5765), Annie's Place (607-498-4139), or Catskill Flies (607-498-6146).

In between the scheduled festivities is the perfect time to visit some of your favorite fly shops such as: Catskill Flies; Frank Kuttner's; Dette's; Fur, Fin & Feather; and, the Beaverkill Angler. You'll be sure to run into someone you know. Take a moment and check out your favorite spots on the rivers, look for hatching Gordons and rising fish, or join us in the museum for a chat with friends.

The Surprise Birthday Party and Presentation ceremony will never happen again, you have to be here to be part of a special moment in American fly fishing history.