

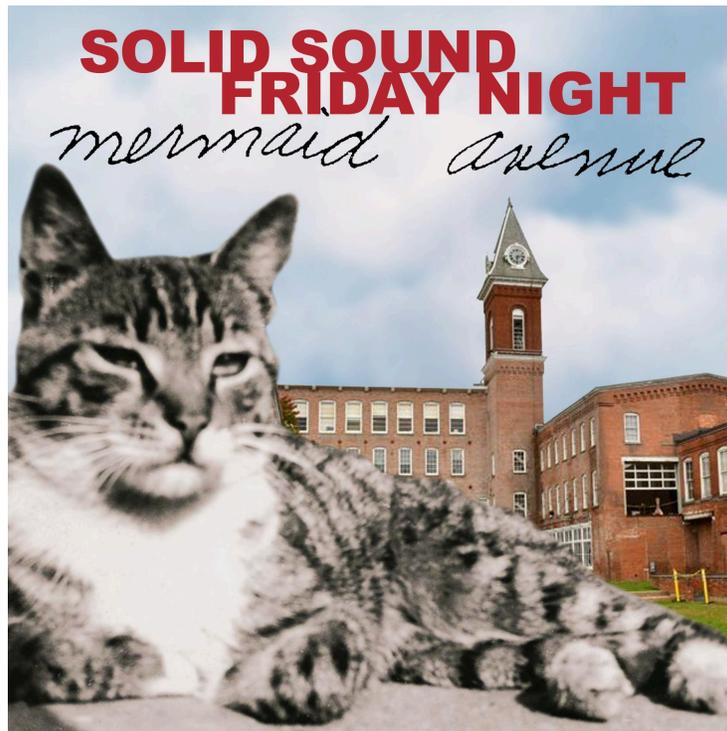
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**Wilco and Billy Bragg To Perform *Mermaid Avenue* Live  
at Solid Sound Festival 2026**

**Festival Returns June 26–28 at MASS MoCA in North Adams, MA**

**Tickets Now Available**

**Watch Jeff Tweedy on *The Daily Show* Tonight**



Solid Sound 2026 *Mermaid Avenue* Performance Poster

“ ... Wilco’s Solid Sound Festival once again showed that it’s worth the trip ... I’m already looking forward to Solid Sound 2026.” — *Chicago Magazine*

“Since launching in 2010, Solid Sound has grown into a reliable highlight of the festival circuit, with a wide array of cool sounds and a low-key, welcoming feel.”  
— *Rolling Stone*

**Wilco's** music and arts festival **Solid Sound** returns to **MASS MoCA** in **North Adams, Massachusetts**, from **June 26– 28, 2026**. Today, the festival announces Wilco and **Billy Bragg** will perform ***Mermaid Avenue Live***, the first-ever full-length concert of music from the *Mermaid Avenue* songbook, to open the festival on **Friday, June 26**. *Mermaid Avenue* is the acclaimed collaborative project of Wilco and Bragg, in which they composed and recorded original music set to the unpublished lyrics of Woody Guthrie. Weekend passes are now available [here](#).

Jeff Tweedy said, "The world needs all the Woody Guthrie it can get. We're thrilled that we get to bring these songs to life with Billy." Bragg adds, "There's an abiding love out there for the *Mermaid Avenue* albums, so I'm really looking forward to reconnecting with Wilco to bring Woody's words to life once again."

At the time of his passing in 1967, Guthrie had accumulated over a thousand sets of unpublished lyrics. Those pages remained in a trunk until 1995 when his daughter Nora approached Bragg, a lifelong fan, with the idea of adding music to some of those lyrics and recording them for a new generation. Bragg brought in Wilco and together they created a collection of fifteen new songs called *Mermaid Avenue* (1998), which *The Los Angeles Times* called "the perfect channel for Guthrie's raucous and irrepressible spirit." *Pitchfork* described the record as "such a deeply nuanced and humanizing portrait of a larger-than-life character that it significantly shifted how listeners thought of Guthrie."

While *Mermaid Avenue* highlights like "**California Stars**," "**Hoodoo Voodoo**," "**Way Over Yonder In The Minor Key**," "**Airline To Heaven**," and "**Secret Of The Sea**" have had steady inclusion in Wilco and Bragg's respective live sets over the years, the artists were not able to tour together in support of the record or the follow up volumes (in 2000 and 2012), with the exception of a handful of shared appearances. This will change at Wilco's Solid Sound this year when the band and Billy Bragg will finally join forces on stage.

Friday nights at Solid Sound have always offered attendees a taste of something unique and exclusive to the festival. Past years have featured Wilco karaoke with Wilco as the backing band, a 100% covers set, a 100% deep cuts set, or full album performances. This year will be another one to remember!

Additionally, Jeff Tweedy will appear on ***The Daily Show*** tonight, **October 23rd**, where he'll sit down for an interview with host Michael Kosta. Tune in **at 11pm ET/PT & 10pm CT**.

Conceived by Wilco and co-produced by Higher Ground Presents, Solid Sound was launched in 2010. The 2026 festival will again present Wilco as hosts and headliners and will feature an eclectic Wilco-curated lineup alongside band members' various independent projects. From rock, jazz, indie, and hip hop artists to live falconry,

stargazing workshops, and ax-throwing, Solid Sound aims to delight the curious. In addition to the expansive contemporary art galleries of MASS MoCA, which feature long-term installations by James Turrell, Laurie Anderson, Sol LeWitt, Jeffrey Gibson and Anselm Kiefer, the festival includes a fully programmed comedy stage, naturalist/outdoor activities that exemplify the spirit of The Berkshires, a broad variety of family activities, local food, craft beer and cider, and more.

All tickets include full access to MASS MoCA, the country's largest contemporary art museum.

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MASS MoCA is a contemporary art museum that emphasizes bold creative exploration and fosters surprising connections between people every single day. It upholds artistic freedom and is an indispensable home for artists who stretch toward what has yet to be created. From its beginnings as the major textile mill Arnold Print Works in the mid-19th century, to its days as the Sprague Electric Company in the mid-20th century, to its current existence as a globally renowned, contemporary art museum and fabrication center, the MASS MoCA campus has a rich history of serving as an economic engine of the City of North Adams and the surrounding region. With vast galleries, artist studios and a variety of indoor and outdoor stages, MASS MoCA is able to embrace art in all forms. For more information visit [massmoca.org](http://massmoca.org) or follow on Instagram at [@massmoca](https://www.instagram.com/massmoca).

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