

Bob Dylan's 'Hometown' Hopes singer to play local fest

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prize winner and legendary folk singer Bob Dylan has famously claimed that he grew up in Gallup, NM. Now, Gallup, a small desert town in northwestern New Mexico, is hoping to bring the musician back to his roots with a brand-new music festival.

“Doin’ Dylan: Gallup’s Bob Dylan Tribute Concert” will feature regional folk artists and bands for the first of an annual music festival. The lineup includes McManus & Juda, the Cliff Dwellers, and Joe West & Friends: The Dylan Project. But the pie-in-the-sky, ultimate hope of Gallup is for their long-lost native son to make an appearance.

GallupARTS, a nonprofit arts council and sponsor of the event, has reached out to Dylan. In a letter to the singer, they write: “We in Gallup love knowing that we may have captured your imagination and that you wanted to own our hardscrabble town if only in your heart.”

Even if the famously reclusive Dylan doesn’t attend, GallupARTS invites all folk music lovers and Dylan aficionados to attend “Doin’ Dylan”, which is free and open to the public. The concert is June 10, from 6:30 – 9 pm at Gallup Downtown Conference Center.

For more information, please visit galluparts.org.