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Mystic Seaport Seeking Paper Proposals for "Music of America and the Sea"
Symposium to be part of the Museum's 29th Annual Sea Music Festival

Mystic, Conn. ~ Mystic Seaport is currently seeking proposals for papers in history, folklore, literature, ethnomusicology or other appropriate disciplines addressing any aspect of maritime music or inland waters verse from the great age of sail through present day. **Submission deadline is March 10.**

Accepted papers will be presented at the symposium which takes place during the Museum's annual Sea Music Festival, June 13-15. The three-day festival celebrates the lives and work of sailors through musical performance.

Previous topics of interest have included: shipboard work songs, songs of maritime or other occupational trades, seafaring cultures and cultural change, ethnicity and ethnic influences, cultural exchanges, ballad and broadside traditions, technology, regional interests and popular culture.

Graduate students are encouraged to submit a proposal. Audiovisually illustrated presentations are welcome. Selected papers must be submitted in final form by May 7. Speakers will receive lodging, meals and free admission to the festival. Please submit proposals and a brief curriculum vita or resume to:

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Mystic Seaport is the nation's leading maritime museum. Founded in 1929, the Museum is home to four National Historic Landmark vessels, including the *Charles W. Morgan*, the last wooden whaleship in the world. Mystic Seaport also features a working preservation shipyard, a re-created 19th-century coastal village, exhilarating exhibits and a planetarium. The Museum's collection of more than two million artifacts includes more than 500 historic vessels and one of the largest collections of maritime photography in the country. For more information, visit www.mysticseaport.org.

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