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It's Lakefair Time

By Alec Clayton

Capital Lakefair in its 66th season takes possession of Heritage Park on the shores of Capital Lake July 12 to 16, with carnival rides, food vendors, main stage entertainment, a parade and a half-marathon, a car show with more than 50 cars and crafts booths. And, as tradition has it, the weekend festivities culminate with a spectacular fireworks display Sunday night.

HISTORY OF LAKEFAIR

The festival was established in 1957 when residents and area small businesses sought to coordinate a family-oriented event in Downtown Olympia. Since then, Lakefair has helped to raise millions of dollars for non-profit food vendors, provided a venue for local and regional craft vendors, and provided more than \$400,000 in scholarship funding for students from local high schools to pursue the trades and higher education. In addition to all of this, more than a dozen concessionaires line Water Street with a variety of dining options.

Back in the late 1950s when the first Lakefair was held, what is now Heritage Park was called Capitol Lake Park. There was swimming in the lake. On the corner of 5th and Water Streets, two industrial firms occupied the buildings that extended out over the water on pilings.

According the Lakefair President Karen Adams-Griggs, in 1957 Two industrial firms occupied the corner of 5th and Water Streets, their buildings extending out over the water on pilings.

To beat the heat and summer boredom, several civic-minded Olympians sponsored a small carnival on the shores of Capitol Lake, on West 5th Avenue. Local non-profit service clubs ran food concessions set up on the south end of Water Street beyond the industrial firms. Events during the carnival included a diving show, a hydroplane race and fireworks display at Steven's field. State baton twirling contests were held during the day and teen dances at night and Square Dancers came from all over the Northwest to perform.

This was the start of an annual event. The budget at the beginning was less than \$500. In 1959 a parade was added, and the budget had grown to \$1,400.

In 1961 Lakefair had its first float which traveled around the state representing the community and taking honors at the Seattle Seafair Parade. There were 110 units in the "Grand Twilight Parade."

The state's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in 1964 and Lakefair Buttons recognized the state event. More than 75,000 viewed the Grand Twilight Parade. During the late '60s and early '70s the main attractions were the water-orientated events. They included water skiing, sailboat races, swimming competitions, log rolling and water polo.

In 1966 Lakefair had a world champion diver who climaxed his act by diving off the top of an 80-foot crane into eight feet of water. Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson was the Parade Marshal in 1970. The Canadian Naval Training Vessels made annual visits during the 1980s.

An arts & craft show was added in 1986. In 1987 Lakefair added a Car Show. In 1988 "Kid's Day" was started at Sylvester Park and was an instant success for the youngsters of our area. Beyond the fanfare, hoopla and crowning of the queens, Lakefair stands out in our communities because it goes beyond doing away with summer boredom. It contributes to the economy of our communities. Many nonprofit organizations continue on food row as one of their main fundraising events of the year. Capital Lakefair is Olympia's own festival, and celebrates 66 years of giving back to the community. The budget is approximately \$250,000 and all year is spent planning and preparing for the five-day festival.

The Lakefair Scholarship Program has given out more than \$400,000 in scholarship money to distinguished young women who continue on to college.

SHARED MEMORIES

Bob Barnes, an active member of Capital Lakefair for more than 40 years, including a couple of stints as president, fondly recalls the silver anniversary year, 1981, when he traveled to represent Olympia in festivals in Portland, Spokane, Leavenworth and eight other festivals and 12 to 14 parades.

From **Dave Sederberg**, "My fondest memories were the Lake Fair drag boat races on the south end of Capitol Lake. Thousands of people lined the shore. The Blue Angels would do a fly-over and I saw a drag boat do the 1/4 mile run 200+MPH. I have pictures. Different times, they were."

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It's Lakefair time! *Continued*

Photo by Molly Walsh

SHARED MEMORIES *Continued*

Roxanna Groves recalls “watching the fireworks over the lake from the top of courthouse hill — in the pouring rain.”

Susan Christian says, “Demo burgers were very delicious ordinary grilled burgers that got cooked by some Democratic Party boosters. Very popular! You could get yourself and your fair-going companions a few Demo burgers and some Cokes and watch the fireworks over the lake AFTER you had gone around a number of times on the blessed Ferris wheel and the whole world would seem pretty okay.”

Jennie Patton remembers, “About 25 years ago I loaned my extension ladder to a neighbor who wanted to look into an inaccessible window high in the gable of a small duplex she was renting on 12th Avenue Southeast. In the unfinished attic space, she found papers and records of early Lakefair Royalty Courts. We suspected a Capitalarian stashed them away years before.”

Trace DeHavan, “I remember when they used to set up the flying chairs ride right next to the lake, so that as the ride got going and centripetal force would send the hanging chairs outward, you’d “fly” over the lake. Can’t take a ride like that no more, due to “safety” concerns. (Idiot riders?)”



And **Harlan Zinck**, “Way back in 1977, I had a weekly show on The Evergreen State College’s KAOS-FM radio station. That summer, KAOS had a trailer at Lakefair, and I happened to stop by on the evening that the fireworks were scheduled. I chatted with the DJ on duty and we decided, at the last minute, that I would do fireworks play-by-play live. Prep consisted of plugging in a mic with a long cord, which we ran out the window to a nearby viewing spot.

“When the fireworks started, I realized very quickly why radio isn’t the best medium for narrating a fireworks show: without the visual element, it gets dull very quickly. Initially, I tried to describe the effect of each blast, something like “a huge blossom of blue with a series of bright white aftershocks” but, as the rockets started coming fast and furious, this degenerated into “there’s another blue one and, look, this one looks like a purple hydrangea — not the most fascinating radio for those who couldn’t also see the show.

“I don’t think KAOS ever broadcast a live audio fireworks show again...”

Nikki McCoy, “This one was used in the Olympian some time ago, but if it’s helpful you’re welcome to it:

“My mother went into labor while watching the Lakefair fireworks, so I literally came into this world with a bang. I’m a Lakefair baby and I love attending year after year — the nostalgia is magical and the food ain’t bad either.

“Hopefully you also have some tidbits about the Zipper — which is not a ride these days, but the most thrilling ride for years. I also loved the swings over Capitol Lake — feeling on top of the world, secured with one metal bar.” 0



And from **Don Orr Martin**, “Sometime in the early ’70s I went to Lakefair in summertime “drag” with a couple of my straight roommates. I had long hair then and tied it in a scarf. I wore a halter top and Daisy Dukes, lots of eye makeup and heels, I think. I thought for sure I would get threatened but as I recall I mostly got laughs and dirty looks. The carnies loved me. One even propositioned me. But I was too chicken to meet him after midnight.”

WHAT: Capital Lakefair

WHERE: Heritage Park, Olympia

WHEN: Noon to 11 p.m. Wednesday, July 12 to approximately midnight Sunday, July 16

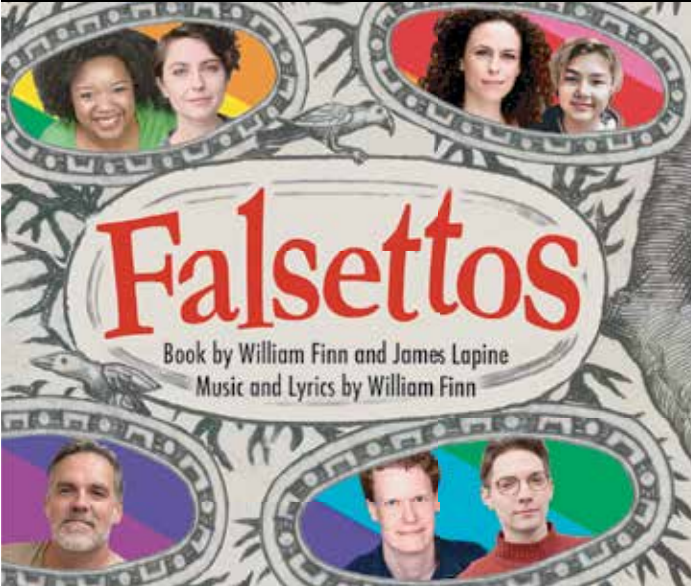
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Local Galleries

Artist: Travis Johnson

By Lynette Charters Serembe

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JOHNSON

TRAVIS JOHNSON STUDIOS & GALLERY STORE

Travis Johnson Studios Gallery Store is a multifaceted creative extension birthed from Johnson's personal art practice as a painter, sculptor, and fashion designer. He thrives on cultivating curating, developing, and promoting local, regional, and international artists. His studio showcases artists in a seasonal exhibition series, and he and his team also spotlight artists monthly on their social media platforms. His studio is centered around cultivating and amplifying the arts and artists in Olympia. Along with nurturing artists, he also serves as a creative coach. His methodology is to walk beside artists and help elevate their art practice and brand. Travis Johnson Studios has a vivacious art practice that is focused on paintings, sculptures, ceramics, and clothing. He creates art for people to engage and find meaning in their daily life. Johnson says that all his work speaks to his years of growing up in the Mojave Desert inside the cocoon of a black family. He is so grateful and thrilled to think and create deeply about what it means to work, sleep, eat, and spread love as an artist.

WHAT: Travis Johnson Studios and Gallery Store

WHERE: Contact through website for private viewing

WHEN: Check website for events

LEARN MORE: Travisjohnsonart.squarespace.com



ARTISTS' GALLERY

THE ARTIST'S GALLERY

A little-known gem, The Artists' Gallery is located in the Capital Mall Promenade in West Olympia and is devoted to showcasing Olympia artists. They feature a variety of fine art mediums, photography, furniture, textiles, woodwork, jewelry, glass, ceramics and more. The Artist's Gallery is a nonprofit business that gives local talent a space to display and sell their work. It is currently comprised of sixteen artists with many years of experience who have exhibited nationally and internationally. The gallery provides a venue for classes, lectures, and demonstrations in various mediums. They offer retail space where visitors can also talk to and learn from artists. The exhibits rotate every two months, and they have an invitational Guest Artist Program where artists who are not members are invited to display their work for a month in the gallery. In July there will be two artist presentations. One by Mia Schulte (abstract art), the other by Judith Gebhard Smith (collage) on Thursday, July 20 5-6:30 p.m. The presentations will consist of a talk about the artists' inspirations and processes with question-and-answer sessions to follow. In August Robert Hunter will be their guest artist. He will display his new work in the gallery. Check website for details.

WHAT: The Artist's Gallery

WHERE: 2505 4th Ave W, Suite 105 Olympia

WHEN: Wed.-Sat., 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

LEARN MORE: theartistsgallery.com



ART HOUSE DESIGNS

Art House Designs is celebrating their 22nd year as a fine art gallery and custom picture framing shop. They are a downtown hub and represent a diverse group of artists worldwide. It is a beautiful open space with great light, has custom picture framing, and they pride themselves on their knowledge and quality selection advice. They are also a musical performance event venue. July will feature new works by local artists Gregg Caudell, Sue Darius, Marz Doerfliner, Susie Engelstad, Michelle Bruchet, Nikki Bruchet, John Anderson, Marie Powell, and Mary McInnis. Olympia Free Jazz Festival July 6-10. Monday, July 10 7 p.m. Lewis Jorden At Large and The Joe Mailhot Jazz Unit. (Admission \$20)

WHAT: Art House Designs Gallery and Framing Studio

WHERE: 420 Franklin St SE, Olympia

WHEN: Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m.-5pm. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

LEARN MORE: arthousedesigns.com



THURSTON COUNTY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Founded in 2022, TCMOFA describes itself as a project dedicated to creating public arts spaces as engaging museum experiences featuring local arts and performances in Olympia. The organization was birthed by a desire to create a community-oriented public venue for the appreciation of art, free from any profit-driven motivation, and most importantly, free to enter. Their fall and spring Arts Walk collections feature a selection of interdisciplinary artists. They won a grant to transform the outbuilding at the Olympia Armory Creative Campus into their next show which will feature a brand-new collection of fine art from local Thurston County artists. It will be exciting to see what they create there.

WHAT: TCMOFA, Thurston County Museum of Fine Arts

WHERE: Olympia Armory Creative Campus 515 Eastside St SE, Olympia

WHEN: July 8-15. Check website for hours and reception date

LEARN MORE: tcmofa.org



CATMA GALLERY

Contemporary and Transmodern Arts is an experimental immersion gallery with curated museum-like exhibitions and live events supporting visual, performing, film and literary arts, workshops, and community interaction. CaTMA's mission is to evolve how we see and interact with art by presenting space for reflection and dialogue. They support artists and collectors through consultation, merchandising and access to art off wall or from their shop. They are fast-moving and update regularly with new events and opening hours so make sure you check the website for details before you head down there. Their summer exhibitions are: July: *Middle Space* with visual art by Rebecca Figel (Vancouver BC) and Lucy Gentry (Olympia), August: *Quantum Untanglement* with installation and performance by Frances Ney (France) and paintings by students of Leonce Love (Haiti).

WHAT: CaTMA Gallery, Contemporary and Transmodern Arts

WHERE: Contact through website for private viewing

WHEN: Check website for updates

LEARN MORE: catma.art



GALLERY BOOM

Gallery Boom has more than 150 local/regional artists of many styles and mediums. Their diversity is our strength with the youngest artist of 12 and the eldest 95. They also have more than 1,000 stickers from more than 40 artists, a used art section and a rentable room for classes & events. 5,000-plus art pieces can be found on their website, and they ship across the U.S. The art gallery and store are located on Martin Way, East Olympia. It is the perfect place to shop for friends who like unique gifts. July & August Events are: Friday Walk in Watercolor: Every Friday noon to 6 p.m. All supplies provided. No signup or experience needed. Just show up and stay as long as you like. Mixed Media Drop-in: 2nd and 4th Sundays July 9 and 23. August 13 and 27 (Classes \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.)

WHAT: Gallery Boom

WHERE: 3959 Martin Way E, Olympia

WHEN: Wed-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11 a.m. -5 p.m.

LEARN MORE: galleryboomshop.com

Local Galleries *Continued*




Van Tuinen Art

VAN TUINEN ART

Van Tuinen Art is a working studio and gallery situated on the corner of Views On 5th building at the beautiful Capitol Lake. Debra Van Tuinen has shown work in Canada, Asia, and Europe as well as across the United States. She creates work for residential and corporate collections. Visitors are welcomed by appointment or can visit the gallery and studio during open hours to see the work she is currently painting and hear about the encaustic process.

WHAT: Van Tuinen Fine Art Gallery

WHERE: 429 4th Ave W, Olympia

WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., for appointment call 360 402-6517

LEARN MORE: vantuinenart.com




LEONOR R. FULLER
GALLERY

LEONOR R. FULLER GALLERY AT SPSCC

The Leonor R. Fuller Gallery at the Kenneth J. Minnaert Center for the Arts fosters transformative education and community connections through engaging and challenging exhibitions and programming. They show a diverse selection of artists from First Nations to a broad range of local artists, and student and staff shows. They have a once-a-year postcard fundraiser which is quite the event and not to be missed. Check websites for details.

WHAT: Leonor R Fuller Gallery at SPSCC

WHERE: 2011 Mottman Road SW, Olympia

WHEN: Monday-Friday 12-6 p.m., summer hours: Monday-Thursday noon-6 p.m.

LEARN MORE: spsc.edu/gallery



*Childhood's
End Gallery*

CHILDHOOD'S END

Situated by the marina, Childhood's End Gallery has been a direct supporter of hundreds of artists and artisans in the Olympia area since 1971. They offer a wide range of curated local hand-made fine art and craft, as well as hosting regular rotating group and solo fine-art exhibitions, events, demonstrations, talks, receptions, and more. Aside from an ever-changing collection of new work, their summer plans include exciting exhibitions featuring returning and new artists. Their summer group shows are: *Understory*, open to July 30, highlighting PNW forests beyond the trees that make it up; dynamic and layered microcosms give our forests identity while threatened by a warming climate and human action. *Restructured*, August 4-September 24, artist reception August 4, 5-7 p.m. featuring process-oriented work through collage, cutting, stitching, and other ways of turning chaos into art.

WHAT: Childhood's End

WHERE: 222 4th Ave W, Olympia

WHEN: Monday-Saturday 10-6. Sunday 11-5

LEARN MORE: childhoods-end-gallery.com



 **SPLASH
GALLERY**
of olympia

SPLASH GALLERY

Splash Gallery Olympia artist co-op was the vision of nine local artists to promote artistic expression in the community. Celebrating 12 years in Olympia, the gallery is located on the boardwalk in the scenic Olympia Marina and is a one-of-a-kind art experience. Splash offers a vibrant selection of local fine art including oils and acrylics, watercolor, pastels, jewelry, glass, ceramics, photography, mosaics, wood-turned creations as well as pyrography, textile art and more. Splash Gallery averages four shows annually, while participating in many local activities such as Harbor Days, spring and fall Arts Walk, Olympia Wooden Boat Fair and many downtown shopping events. The gallery will formally celebrate its 12-year anniversary August 12 with a special reception from 3-6 p.m. Throughout the summer, artist demonstrations will take place on the dockside of the gallery on Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m.

WHAT: Splash Gallery, artists' community co-operative

WHERE: 501 Columbia Street NW, Suite C, Olympia

WHEN: Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

LEARN MORE: SplashGalleryOlympia.com

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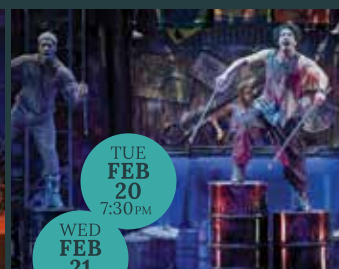
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Summer Theater

By Lynette Charters Serembe

There have been many studies that conclude that Theater is good for us, it teaches creativity and self-expression and inspires our imaginations. It more effectively communicates content and leaves greater room for new perspectives and critical thinking than a recorded performance. In a live performance we see the whole picture and we only get to do it once, which fine tunes our focus and extends our attention span, it resonates with us, prompts an often complex emotional, connection which can stay with us for days as we process the story and the message it carries. Theater promotes tolerance and acceptance, encourages community spirit, empathy, and goodwill. All great reasons to take your friends and family to a show and we have plenty to see in local theaters. And be sure to check listings for age recommendations. Olympia and the surrounding communities are home to many truly stellar theater companies. They are passionate about their work, fabulously talented, truly dedicated, and fiercely hardworking. They are also hugely supportive of each other and share many resources, acting talent, and are ready to advertise each other's achievements. Jump in and support their productions, here they are:

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CHILDREN'S THEATER EXPERIENCE (CTE)

ARTS FESTIVAL presents *Jungle Book Kids* adapted from Disney's animated film and the works of Rudyard Kipling. The "man cub" Mowgli, bounds through the jungle and learns what it means to be human. SHOWCASE presents *Mean Girls Jr*, adapted from Tina Fey's 2004 blockbuster film, and the Broadway smash hit. It is about chasing popularity and being true to yourself. SPOTLIGHT presents *Much Ado About Nothing* which is one of Shakespeare's most frequently performed comedies and includes two quite different stories of romantic love.

Workshops enrollment closing date was June 21 - but they will take people after that date if there is still space. More details and registration at CTEkids.org

WHAT: Children's workshop theater productions of *Jungle Book Kids*, *Mean Girls Jr*, & *Much Ado About Nothing*

WHERE: Kenneth J. Minnaert Center, SPSCC, 2011 Mottman Rd SW, Olympia

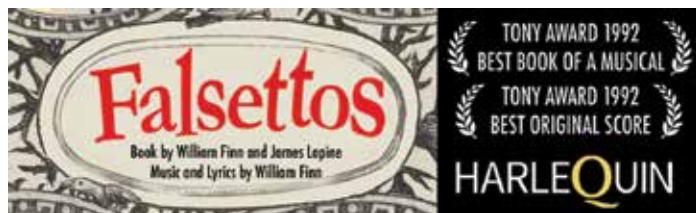
WHEN: *Jungle Book Kids*: July 27, 28 at 6:30pm & July 29 at 1pm

Mean Girls Jr: July 27, 28 at 8pm & July 29 at 7pm.

Much Ado About Nothing: August 3, 4 & 5 at 7pm,

HOW MUCH: Tickets for shows are free with requested donation.

LEARN MORE: CTEkids.org



HARLEQUIN

Harlequin Productions is showing the Tony-winning *Falsettos* at the State Theater this summer, directed by Corey McDaniel, with musical direction by Aaron Lamb. Written by William Finn and James Lapine. This is a sung-through musical which tells the story of a large, eccentric, and dysfunctional – but loving – Jewish family in New York at the end of the 1970s. Starring Jon Lutyens (*Murder for Two*), Meg McLynn (*Tenderly*), Nicholas Main (*Man of La Mancha*), Bruce Haasl (*Tenderly*), Kristen Natalia (*Until the Flood*), and two actors in their Harlequin debuts, Karin Terry, and Josh Doyle.

WHAT: *Falsettos*- Adult themes; ages 11 and older with guidance.

WHERE: The State Theater, 202 4th Ave E, Olympia

WHEN: June 30 - July 22. Check website for times and dates.

HOW MUCH: General \$50, Senior/Military \$46, Student/Youth \$33, Groups 6+ \$40. Check website for Rush Tickets, and Pay What You Choose nights.

LEARN MORE: harlequinproductions.org/show/falsettos/

BALLET NORTHWEST

Young Choreographers Showcase will feature 15 world premieres drawing on a variety of dance styles - ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap, hip-hop and more!

WHAT: Young Choreographers Showcase

WHERE: Capital High School Performing Arts Center

WHEN: Saturday, August 26 at 7pm

HOW MUCH: Tickets: \$20

LEARN MORE: balletnorthwest.org



ANIMAL FIRE: (OLYMPIA)

Animal Fire Theatre is excited to present as their 11th season production, William Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*. This play examines the challenges of power and privilege, sexism, and the constant struggle for justice, justice, justice, justice.

WHAT: Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*

WHERE: East Capitol Campus (At the water sculpture near the Korean War Memorial)

WHEN: Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7pm from July 7-30

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: animalfiretheatre.com



STRING AND SHADOW

String & Shadow's 2023 show *Ship of Fools: A Giant Puppet Odyssey* in it, three mimes set sail from the Port of Styx across the mythical boundary waters connecting the world of the living to the underworld. Aboard a mysteriously sentient ship, they encounter a world of beautiful and strange creatures: hermit crabs carrying houses on their backs, a ghostly humpback whale, and much more. Under layers of colorful fabric and dancing cardboard, *Ship of Fools* deals with themes of loss and acceptance, depicting a wondrous unknown and speaking to the power of friendship and love. It is brought to life by three mimes, three musicians, and six puppeteers.

(*Elizabeth Lord, one of the actors also hosts karaoke typically the last Friday of every month at the Olympia Eagles club, 9 p.m.-12 a.m. She will not be hosting in July as she'll be on stage with the above-mentioned play. She calls/hosts bingo at both the Olympia and Lacey Senior Centers, Senior Services for South Sound. Elizabeth also hosts Story Oly every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm at the Brotherhood. Check website for details: www.professionaltalker.com)

WHAT: *Ship of Fools: A Giant Puppet Odyssey*

WHERE: Calliope Farm, 1335 Overhulse Rd NW, Olympia, WA 98502 (Note: NOT the Rochester Calliope Farm)

WHEN: July 7-30 6:30 p.m. Fri-Sun and an additional Sunday matinee at 2:30pm. The show then goes on tour August 1-20

HOW MUCH: \$20 suggested donation at the door. No one will be turned away for lack of funds

LEARN MORE: stringandshadow.com/about



THEATER ARTISTS OLYMPIA (TAO)

The Mystery Plays, written by Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa and directed by pug Bujeaud, are two loosely interrelated one acts, inspired by the tradition of medieval mystery plays but seen through the lens of *The Twilight Zone*.

The first play, *The Filmmaker's Mystery*, Joe Manning, a director of horror films, is the sole survivor of a terrible train wreck and is being haunted by the ghost of another passenger. As the police investigate Joe, he in turn is desperate to understand the reason for, and the cost of, his survival.

In the second play, *Ghost Children*, Joe's ex travels home to a small town in rural Oregon to deal with unresolved issues related to her brother's incarceration for the murder of the rest of their family.

WHAT: *The Mystery Plays*

WHERE: In the Oly Theater, Capital Mall, 625 Black Lake Blvd, Olympia -. Located near the cinemas across from Old Navy.

WHEN: August 10, 11, 12 & *13. 18, 19, *20 & 21. (Yes that's a Monday,) 25, 26 & *27. Curtain at 7:30pm, except *Sundays at 2pm

HOW MUCH: \$20

LEARN MORE: olytheater.com



JUICE BOX THEATRE (OLYMPIA)

Juice Box is a brand-new children's theatre company founded by a group of local authors, tech wizards, and actors with more than 100 years combined theatrical experience to produce fun, short, (20 min.) original shows, written and directed by Kate Ayers, and perfect for younger kids of 3 to 5 years, but fun for all kids.

Juice Box is also planning a fundraiser called *A Weekend Of Gilligan's Island*. It will most likely be presented on a Friday and Saturday night. The olytheater.com website will have details as they become available.

WHAT: *Rapunzel*, and *Three Billy Goats Gruff*

WHERE: In the Oly Theater, Capital Mall, 625 Black Lake Blvd, Olympia -. Located near the cinemas across from Old Navy.

WHEN: *Rapunzel*: July 20, 21 & 22., *Three Billy Goats Gruff*: August 17, 18 & 19 All shows start at 10:30 a.m.

HOW MUCH: \$5. Children under two are free

LEARN MORE: olytheater.com

Summer Theater (Continued)

REGIONAL



LAKEWOLD GARDENS (LAKEWOOD)

An abridged version of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, adapted by Professor Tom Smith of Pacific Lutheran University, and directed by John Serembe, will be presented at Lakewold Gardens. The production will feature actors playing multiple roles and fairy dancers, accompanied by a live piano adaptation of *Selections from Mendelssohn's A Midsummer Night's Dream*, by Duo Powers-de la Torre. With the beautiful gardens as a backdrop, it will be a magical evening. There will be two performances, (one of which is a fundraiser.)

WHAT: Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (abridged)

WHERE: Lakewold Gardens, 12317 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood

WHEN: Sunday July 30, 4-8 p.m. (This date is a fundraiser)
Friday August 4, 7pm. (includes garden admission from 6pm)

HOW MUCH: July 30 -\$250 (All-day event fundraiser with performance at 4:30 pm.)

August 4, \$20 (includes garden admission)

LEARN MORE: lakewoldgardens.org



TOAD: (CENTRALIA)

TOAD is producing *The SpongeBob Musical: youth edition* with kids ages 8 to 18 performing, their mission is "to inspire, nurture, challenge, amaze, educate, and empower young theatre artists via top-quality performing experiences." With their programs, they seek to stimulate, celebrate, and enhance young actors' and audiences' understanding of themselves and others through the shared magic of live theatre.

WHAT: The *SpongeBob Musical: youth edition*

WHERE: 226 West Center Street, Centralia

WHEN: July 28 & 29 at 7 p.m., and 30 at 2 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Adults \$15,
Students (17 and under) & Seniors \$10,

LEARN MORE: toadtheater.com



TACOMA ARTS LIVE: (TACOMA)

Tacoma Arts Live invites you to immerse yourself in a unique theatrical experience of Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Director Deanna Martinez reinvents this whimsical romantic comedy by rooting it in a celebration of Boricua-Hawaiiana culture. Magic, potions, and mystery are met with hula, ipu heke, and true aloha spirit in this fantastical escape. Hawaii will fully surround the audience and performers through beautiful, huge projections created by flora&faunavisions.

This is 'Shakespeare in the Park... in the Armory.' Wear aloha shirts and flower crowns, and bring your beach towels, leis, lauhala mats, pillows, and low-profile beach chairs to enjoy the enchanting oasis inside Tacoma Armory.

We are delighted to collaborate with our cultural consultants from the Asia Pacific Cultural Center, who are supporting the music and movement for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Seating is first come, first served on the floor. Create your own tropical paradise: pack beach towels, lauhala mats, blankets, pillows, and low beach chairs, and enjoy the enchanting oasis inside Tacoma Armory.

WHAT: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Shakespeare in the park

WHERE: Tacoma Armory - 1001 S. Yakima Ave, Tacoma

WHEN: Runs from Aug 17 to September 3 Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 8 p.m. excepting Sunday September 3 performance will be at 3 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$39 general admission, floor seating)

LEARN MORE: tacomaartslive.org

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Your Guide to Capital Lakefair!

By Lynette Charters Serembe



Photo by William Baker - WB Photography

Welcome

I have the honor of representing Capital Lakefair as the 2023 President. I look forward to celebrating our community, and our theme this year is “Rooted in Tradition.” I grew up in the Olympia area, and have been a part of Lakefair my whole life. It has always been a summertime tradition that we as a family looked forward to every summer.

We always had our spot planned in advance, in front of the Brown Derby restaurant, and we would watch the bed races and really look forward to the Grand Parade. My dad had his favorite vendors on the food row, and it was like social time for everyone when we went down. The fireworks show was always the perfect way to end our family tradition as well, sitting on our blankets overlooking the Capital. The Capitalarians look forward to celebrating some Lakefair traditions and hopefully bringing forward new traditions to you and your families.

Did you know that Capital Lakefair started as a community event 66 years ago, to celebrate the waterfront and bring people to downtown businesses? The first celebration was in 1957, with a “Lady of the Lake” who rode on a boat in the parade. It has grown over the last six decades to what it is today, a place for families and friends to come together for some food, carnival rides, an incredible parade, and live entertainment. Capital Lakefair would not be what it is today without the support of our community and local businesses.

I would like to personally invite everyone to come to help us celebrate 66 years of Lakefair, July 12-16, 2023.

Sincerely,

Karen Adams-Griggs

2023 Capital Lakefair Grand Parade

Saturday, July 15th

By James O'Barr

Olympia's Capital Lakefair turns 66 this year, but retirement is not a word in the Capitalarian vocabulary. Lakefair Week will run from Wednesday, July 12 to Sunday, July 16, and every one of those days Heritage Park will be brimful of food concessions, craft vendors, the Funtastic Carnival, and main stage live performances. But all of these have been relative latecomers to the festivities. The Lakefair Royalty Court, however, originated with the first Lakefair in 1957, and the Grand Parade started marching down Capitol Way in 1961.

Photo courtesy of Dick Pust



GRAND MARSHALL

This year's parade Grand Marshall, Dick Pust, is no late-comer to Olympia community life, or to Lakefair. Pust began his radio career at KGY-AM 1240 in 1959, and is still on the air with a weekly public affairs program on KXXO-FM. He was a Washington State Broadcaster of the Year and has won recognition from the National Association of Broadcasters. His book, "AM 1240—Life at a Small Town Radio Station," is filled with local history, including many stories about Lakefair. Most famously, he was inducted into the Olympia High School Hall of Fame, is a distinguished alum of St. Martin's University, and his niece, Sarah Pust, was a member of the Lakefair Royalty Court in 1996.



ROYALTY COURT

Candidates for the Lakefair Scholarship are chosen by area high schools. After participating in a selection process this year by independent judges, six young women from Capital, Timberline, Avanti, Sunrise Beach, Olympia, and Black Hills high school were nominated to serve as Ambassadors. This year's scholarship recipients include Daynnie Hansen, Aurora Coakley, Hailey Akers, Eliana Egruby, and Chinmayee Kuntulua, and the first Community Ambassador for local events is Abigail Vandenberg.



Daynnie Hansen

Hello, I'm Daynnie Hansen and I represent Capital High School. I have absolutely loved, and enjoyed, being part of Capital Lakefair's Royalty Court. Every community event and parade is unique and has brought me so many wonderful, and special, memories and I cannot wait for more! I have especially enjoyed getting to know my fellow royalty court members

better and becoming friends with these amazing young ladies! I look forward to giving back to the community as Queen, and hope to inspire the younger generation to take care of our community and to take care of each other! My current college plan is to attend the University of Washington (Go Huskies) and study Psychology.



Aurora Coakley

Hello, my name is Aurora Coakley, and I proudly represent the home of the Blazers, Timberline High School. I have loved being a part of Capital Lakefair's Royalty Court. Every parade and community event has been so much fun; I love seeing the joy we can bring to others. It has been wonderful to make friends with these

amazing girls, and I look forward to the amazing bonding experiences and community events the rest of this year will bring. I plan on graduating high school with my Associate of Arts through Running Start, then I plan to continue my education with a degree in English and attend law school.



Hailey Akers

My name is Hailey Akers and I am very proud to represent Avanti High School. I have already learned so much from this experience with Lakefair, and the journey has only just begun. I have loved meeting members from all different parts of our community and discovering things that I would have never

discovered otherwise. From Bob Leingang fishing day, to the Princess Tea Party, to judging boats with the Yacht Club, to a meaningful conversation with "Kevin the Brit" from the KGY radio station. All of the events that Lakefair's incredible court and I have had the honor of being a part of, and all of the ones that are to come, will have an impact on me that will last for the rest of my life. I am becoming a better communicator, a better team member, and expanding my awareness as a community member thanks to Lakefair.



Abba Vandenberg - Flodstrom

My name is Abigail Vandenberg-Flodstrom, I go by Abba and attend Black Hills High School. I am the first Community Ambassador for Lakefair, I am a student with disabilities. I enjoyed the Princess Tea party and the Fishing Day. My favorite event was the boat ride, it was my first-ever boat ride.



Eliana Egrubay

Princess Eliana Marie Egrubay, from Sunrise Beach High School, says, "It's been an extraordinary opportunity to interact with members of this community and encourage one another, and together, we can help be a light impacting the world around us. She prays to major in nursing in college,

with a minor in theology. "I pray that with these teachings, I will be able to help guide and help those I meet and care for physically and further my relationship with God spiritually."

Egrubay says that being a Lakefair princess has allowed her to share her testimony and be a light to her young admirers. "Being a princess has allowed me to show poise, grace, love, care, and dedication to all I encounter. Meeting little girls has been the greatest blessing of this whole experience. Through this platform, I can encourage them that with God, a loving heart, and perseverance, one can do the impossible."



Chinmayee Kuntulu

My name is Chinmayee Kuntulu, and I attend Olympia High School, I am privileged to represent my community and travel to other places as one of the ambassadors for Lakefair. I am very active in school carrying five advanced placement classes, and participating in my school's Robotics team, and now

Lakefair. This opportunity has opened so many doors for me, and I want to experience everything I can during my year. The scholarship is very important to me, and I plan to continue my education at Stanford University. I look forward to becoming lifelong friends with the other members of the court and experiencing all the other festivals, parades, and community activities with them. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent my school, the community, and Lakefair.

WHAT: Capital Lakefair Grand Parade

WHERE: Capital Way

WHEN: Saturday July 15th, at 5 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: lakefair.org

Lakefair is a freebie five-day festival

By Molly Gilmore

There's so much to see and do at Lakefair—the carnival, the food booths, the people watching, the parade, the fireworks—that it's easy to forget that the fête by the lake is also a free five-day music festival. The main stage in Heritage Park offers hours of tunes in an array of genres.



MOTORCAR

"There is nothing like the Lakefair environment," said Leslie Daniels of Motorcar, playing July 12. "It is a highlight of the summer to be playing on a great stage overlooking the lake and the carnival and having the opportunity to play for not only friends, family and co-workers but also playing for so many other people out enjoying one of Olympia's best events of the year."

Curt Daniels, Leslie's husband and a longtime driver for Intercity Transit, founded Motorcar in 1990, and the band has played at Lakefair many times over the past two decades. "We are mainly an original rock and roll band driven by Curt's original songs," Leslie Daniels said. "We do also mix in some rock covers."



PORKY & THE BEANS

Porky & the Beans, playing July 14, also focuses on original rock. The band was active in the mid-'70s and built quite a following with its "strictly electric, loud and driving rock," said the band's Fred Doughty.

In 2016, Doughty and former band-mates Steven Tobeck and Tony Wickie decided to play a reunion show. All they needed was a drummer—and they found one, Dustyn Dalebout, then just 14 years old—at Lakefair. "Even at such a young age, Dustyn had the talent to work with veteran musicians on a big stage," Doughty said. "Dustyn is still performing with the Beans." The Beans are still playing many of the songs they wrote in the '70s, plus some newer material and a few covers.



RANDY HANSEN

Probably the best-known performer at Lakefair 2023 is Randy Hansen of Seattle, who performs his Jimi Hendrix Revolution act internationally. "We have been touring in Europe for over 30 years," said Kevin Fillo, Hansen's manager. "We generally play there every fall and every spring, and sometimes do some summer festivals."

Hansen, who'll play July 15 at Lakefair, has been performing as Hendrix since 1975 and has the approval of the late musician's family. He has played with the likes of Sammy Hagar, Herbie Hancock, Steve Miller and Stevie Ray Vaughan, and he even played Hendrix-style guitar in Francis Ford Coppola's 1980 *Apocalypse Now*, which won the 1980 Academy Award for best sound.



LEAH JUSTINE

Another big name playing the main stage is Leah Justine, who'll play July 16 just before the fireworks display. Justine of Gig Harbor, who has a recording contract with 419 Records in Nashville, grew up in Tacoma in a musical family.

She grew up loving performing and musical theater, but changed her focus to country after attending the 2013 Watershed Country Music Festival at The Gorge in George. "I was like, 'I have to be on that stage,'" she said in a 2020 interview with 94.9 The Wolf in the Tri-Cities (<https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/adam-jen-in-the/interview-with-nashville-TvBhkS2-VAt/>). "I just wanted to sing country music.

"I love that country music tells the simple stories colorfully," Justine told OLY ARTS. "That's my favorite part of being a singer, songwriter, and entertainer. I get to connect with people through music and shared stories."

Also scheduled to perform on the main stage are Wish Flower, Patience & James, Switchback, The Lady Drinks Whiskey, Mike Burdorff & Friends, T-Town Aces, Mick Hart and the Classic Vinyl Band, Tone Roller, Yanna Lenae and the Rockstars, The Search and Rescue, Amanda & Grayson, Never Monday and Kitty Mae.

WHAT and WHEN:

Motorcar: 8:30-10 p.m. July 12

Porky and the Beans: 7-8:30 p.m. July 14

Randy Hansen's Jimi Hendrix Revolution:
9-10:30 July 15

Leah Justine: 8:30-10 p.m. July 16

WHERE: Main stage, Heritage Park, Olympia

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: lakefair.org



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A Lakefair's Food Row Set to Serve Festival Favorites While Giving Back to the Community

By Molly Walsh

Olympia is a city of many facets, but at its heart, it is home to a vibrant arts scene, many nonprofit organizations and annual events that bring the community together. And one of the town's most long-standing festivals is Capital Lakefair. Taking over the lawn at Heritage Park for five days each July, Lakefair contains a full schedule of events, including carnival rides, art vendors, live music, a fireworks show and the Lakefair Grand Parade.

Also an important part of Lakefair's history is the range of nonprofit and community organizations that help to make up Food Row. These organizations host concession booths that serve up a menu of treats, many of which have become annual favorites over the years.

"Food Row for nonprofits has been there pretty much from the beginning of Lakefair," said Karen Adams-Griggs, president of Lakefair.

This year, Lakefair's Food Row, located on Water Street, will host booths that are mainly operated by nonprofit and community organizations, including longtime vendors and first-time participants. Menu

options will range from kettle corn from the Zonta Club of Olympia to Hawaiian pulled pork from the Pacific Ohana Foundation.

Attending Lakefair has become a tradition for many South Sound residents and now, multiple generations can look forward to the annual festivities, including a tour of Food Row. Adams-Griggs said Lakefair is about giving back to the community and that philosophy can be seen through the participation of nonprofits in Food Row. In addition, many Lakefair events are of no cost, including the Lakefair Grand Parade and the daily lineup of live performances.

"We don't charge an entrance fee," said Adams-Griggs. "Music on the stage is free. Fireworks is free. The parade is free. Walking through arts and crafts is free, until you buy something. So we try to do as many free events as we can... The food on Food Row, what's unique about it is the money goes back into the community."

Food Row will be available during all five days of Lakefair and on the menu this year are festival-friendly treats that will suit a range of palates. Joyce Rommel, the food concession chair for Capital Lakefair, said many organizations return as food vendors year after year, and returning nonprofit vendors have priority positioning on Food Row. Lakefair is also interested in diverse food options for festival attendees and continues to welcome new vendors each year.

Photo by Molly Walsh



Photo by Molly Walsh

“It’s a case of going out in the community or further out than just Thurston County, and seeing if we can find vendors who would have an interest in coming to Lakefair, and they are serving something that we’re not already serving,” said Rommel.

As attendees enjoy a range of menu options, Food Row will also serve as a kind of fundraiser for these community organizations, as proceeds raised through Food Row nonprofit vendors will help to fund important local causes.

“It’s a community support thing,” said Rommel. “So, if you’re at Lakefair, and you buy something off of Food Row, then you’re giving money back to the community, through these organizations to support their programs.”

Alongside nonprofits and community organizations, this year’s Food Row may also include participation from a limited number of commercial food vendors. For-profit food vendors on Food Row will also give back to the community through contributions to Thurston County-based nonprofit organizations. “Commercial entities are required to make a donation of at least \$500 to a Thurston County nonprofit organization,” said Rommel.

Many community service organization vendors on Food Row will offer familiar favorites, including the Olympia Host Lions Club, which will serve burgers. S4 Stevens Racing will have carnival staples like kettle corn, cotton candy and funnel cake available. The Pacific Ohana Foundation will have Hawaiian pulled pork, chicken with rice and noodles. The Olympia Robotics Federation will be serving up sweet and savory crepes. Longtime Food Row participant, the Zonta Club of Olympia, will be serving kettle corn at this year’s festival.

The Thurston County Democrats will have their classic Demoburgers and fries and the Thurston County Republicans will be serving hot dogs and garlic fries. Villamil Enterprise and Limeberry will be offering frozen yogurt. Smash’n Burgers will serve egg rolls and Indomie fried noodles. Fast N Fred Foods will have chicken and beef shawarma. The Hungarian Kitchen will have the carnival favorite, elephant ears. Cay Sal Pies will be bringing a new culinary experience to Lakefair through their legendary frozen pie on a stick.

Rommel invites residents of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and surrounding areas to Lakefair this summer to have fun, take in the atmosphere and enjoy the many festivities that are planned.

“It’s a great thing in the sense that we have arts and crafts, we have entertainment,” said Rommel. “We hope that it’ll be nice weather and everybody can enjoy themselves. Of course, we have the carnival. You’d be surprised, sometimes people you haven’t seen all year—there they are at Lakefair, and it’s like Old Home Week.” 0



2023 FOOD ROW

The food on food row has been traditionally reserved for Non-profits in our community, it is one of their biggest fund raisers for the year.

- Cay Sal Pies Frozen Pie on a Stick
- Hungarian Kitchen Elephant ears
- Olympia Host Lions - Lions Burgers
- Villamil Enterprise/Limeberry Frozen Yogurt
- Thurston Country Republicans Hot Dogs/Garlic Fries
- Smash’n Burgers Eggrolls, Indomie Fried Noodles
- S4 Stevens Racing Kettle Corn, Cotton Candy, Funnel cake
- Zontas Kettle Corn
- Thurston County Democrats Demo Burger and Fries
- Stem (Robotics) Savory and Dessert Crepes
- Fast N Fred Foods Chicken and Beef Shawarma
- Pacific Ohana Foundations Hawaiian Pulled Pork, Chicken with Rice and Noodles

WHAT: Food Row at Capital Lakefair

WHERE: Water Street, Olympia WA

WHEN: Lakefair Week, July 12-16, 2023

HOW MUCH: Varies By Vendor

LEARN MORE: lakefair.org/events

Fireworks

Capital Lakefair is proud to bring you the 2023 Grand Final Fireworks show, starting at approximately 10:10 p.m. on Sunday, July 16.

Every year, Lakefair organizers say that each year's fireworks display will be the biggest and best ever.

In 2023, this will be more true, thanks to the generous sponsorship from Providence Swedish, this is one display you will not want to miss. Capital Lakefair continues to work with the state of Washington, the city of Olympia, and the Olympia City Fire Marshal to ensure that in 2023 there will be a place along the shores of Capitol Lake for staging the Lakefair Fireworks display.

The show utilizes a wide variety of colors and effects including component shells, patterns, long durations, color change, crackling palms, flitters, gorgeous giant display candles in fanned and crisscross effects, fanned multi-shop barrages, and a shell list unequalled in colors and effects to provide the ultimate in fireworks entertainment, brought to you by **Alpha Pyrotechnics**. 0

WHAT: Fireworks

WHERE: Over Capital Lake

WHEN: Sunday July 16, approximately 10:10 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free



SHAKESPEARE'S
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An abridged version, adapted by Professor Tom Smith of Pacific Lutheran University will be presented at Lakewold Gardens. With actors, fairy dancers, and a live piano adaptation of Selections from Mendelssohn's A Midsummer Night's Dream. It will be a magical evening.
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August 8

Brian Vogan & His Good Buddies Band

Kid's Rock for Kiddies



August 15

Brian Ledbetter

Magician



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July 5

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Rock Band



July 12

The Brazil Project

Bossa Nova & Beyond with Dmslry Mofham



July 19

Soul Searching Band

King & Queen(x) Tribute Acetia & Blue Tribute



July 26

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August 2

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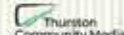
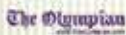
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