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Explore Modern Native Art Through IN THE SPIRIT Arts Market and Northwest Native Festival

By Molly Walsh

For almost two decades, the IN THE SPIRIT Arts Market and Northwest Native Festival and accompanying *IN THE SPIRIT Contemporary Native Arts Exhibition* have showcased the many facets of modern-day Native artwork.

The tradition continues with the 2024 IN THE SPIRIT Arts Market and Northwest Native Festival which will take place August 10. Festival attendees can immerse themselves in mediums like glass, wood carving, beadwork, fashion, music and other live performances from Native American artists based in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. The one-day event will span three locations including the Washington State History Museum, Tacoma Art Museum and Museum of Glass, with all three locales providing free admission on the day of the festival.

The *IN THE SPIRIT Contemporary Native Arts Exhibition* is a juried show that will be on display at the Washington State History Museum throughout the summer season, from July 20 to September 29.

“We like to showcase what’s happening now and show that there’s been a continuation of...Native culture this whole time,” said Derek Nguyen, director of marketing and communications for the Washington State Historical Society. “And the showcase is really about the contemporary Native artist and the melding of traditional styles and...new techniques.”

Nguyen said the IN THE SPIRIT festival and exhibition began as a joint effort with the Longhouse Education and Cultural Center at The Evergreen State College. As time went on, the Longhouse Center transitioned to an advisory partner, and the Washington State Historical Society adopted the festival and exhibition as annual programming, partnering with the Tacoma Art Museum and Museum of Glass to host the festival.

During the IN THE SPIRIT Arts Market and Northwest Native Festival, a unique schedule of interactive activities, performances and demonstrations will span the three main locales. In the plaza of the Washington State History Museum, Nguyen said attendees will have a chance to chat with Native artists and vendors, and purchase genuine Native American artwork. Food vendors and live performances will also be part of the plaza festivities. Inside

the Washington State History Museum, attendees can take in the *IN THE SPIRIT Contemporary Native Arts Exhibition*. Each attendee can select their most-loved piece for the People’s Choice Award, which will be announced during the afternoon of the festival.

At the Museum of Glass, attendees will be able to experience live demonstrations from Native artists in the museum’s Hot Shop. The 2024 Indigenous Fashion Show will return to the Tacoma Art Museum after a years-long hiatus, and will highlight three Native designers, alongside youth designers, according to Nguyen.



The Alaska Kuteeyaa Dancers - Image courtesy of Derek Nguyen

At the outset, the *IN THE SPIRIT Contemporary Native Arts Exhibition* primarily showcased artists from the Pacific Northwest, but as the exhibition has grown in popularity, Nguyen said there is now countrywide interest from Native artists. Each art submission is reviewed by a jury composed of Native artists and members who have a deep knowledge of Native arts, according to Nguyen.

“We’re really excited this year because we had more submissions than ever from across the country and it’s becoming a really competitive exhibition to get into,” said Nguyen. “So we’re really pleased to see so much interest and growth in the program.”

Pieces for the 2024 Exhibition have been chosen and Nguyen said there will be a unique range of works that span more classic and modern forms, including wood carving, metalwork photography and textiles alongside “digital augmented reality” work.

“Elk Spirit Calling, 30” x 40” 2024
Courtesy of artist Megan McDermott

Explore Modern Native Art Through IN THE SPIRIT Arts Market and Northwest Native Festival *Continued*



From Mary Kelsay's People's Choice Award winning piece. - Image courtesy of Derek Nguyen

Visual artist, Megan McDermott, was first featured in the 2023 *IN THE SPIRIT Contemporary Native Arts Exhibition* and will also have two pieces displayed in the 2024 exhibition, including a beaded piece, “May A Calm Breeze Soothe Your Aching Heart,” and painting, “Elk Spirit Calling.”

To create “Elk Spirit Calling” McDermott used acrylic paint and fluorescent acrylic paint to showcase an elk figure enveloped by the electric-hued aurora borealis. McDermott describes using vibrant color and movement within the painting, and it is a mixture of styles between her three tribes.

“I’m enrolled Little Shell Chippewa, and I’m also Blackfeet and Cree,” said McDermott.

McDermott described “May A Calm Breeze Soothe Your Aching Heart” as a multimedia beadwork on canvas, which she said combines the historic and modern through the use of canvas.

“I primarily bead on canvas, because I don’t always have the finances or the ease of access of always having hide to work with,” said McDermott. “So canvas is kind of like my contemporary way to still show that I’m still working in this traditional medium.”

Through this piece, McDermott said she was able to demonstrate the many facets of her artistic practice, and included the use of many present-day and antique seed beads and bugle beads, buffalo hide, fire polish beads, nymo thread, acrylic paint, and more.

“I’m showing others how we don’t have to do everything a certain way...and because I’m a painter first, I think about my beadwork as a painter,” said McDermott. “So a lot of my beadwork has a very, almost realistic kind of style sometimes.”

McDermott is looking forward to how viewers may connect with her artwork while it is on display, and is looking forward to viewing the other types of art that will be part of the exhibition. McDermott said she appreciates the exhibition’s focal point on modern Native art, and the sense of community developed from the wide array of artists who are living and creating across different regions.

“One of the best things, too, is just showing how diverse Native people...who get accepted into the show are,” said McDermott. “And that’s probably one of the, really, the coolest things about it. Is to show we’re all...very different people. We’re very modern, we all have our own ways of looking at life, and our subject matter. And it’s gonna be really cool.”

WHAT: 19th Annual IN THE SPIRIT Arts Market and Northwest Native Festival

WHEN, WHERE & HOW MUCH:

Festival: Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Tacoma Art Museum, 1701 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, and the Museum of Glass, 1801 Dock St, Tacoma. Festival is free (Washington State History Museum, Tacoma Art Museum, and Museum of Glass will have free admission the day of the festival.)

Exhibition: July 20 to September 29 at the Washington State History Museum (5th Floor), 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma. Exhibition is included with admission to museum.

LEARN MORE:

Festival: washingtonhistory.org/event/in-the-spirit-festival-2024

Exhibition: washingtonhistory.org/exhibit/in-the-spirit-2024



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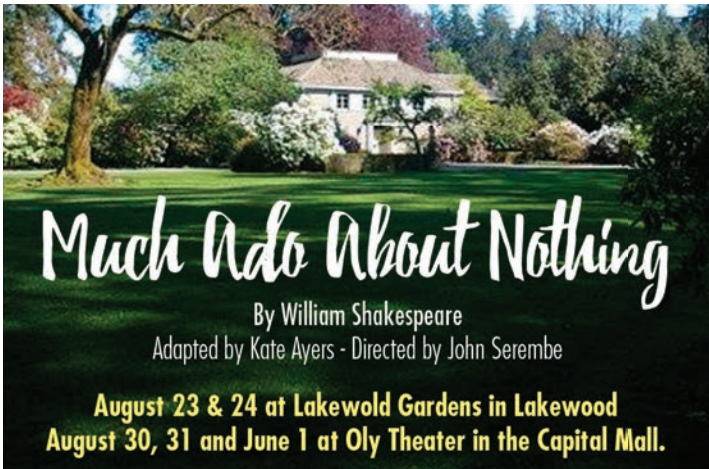
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LoveOly SummerFest 2024

By John Longenbaugh

Ah, summer. The time of year when what you want isn't just one good thing, but a bunch of them sort of bumping into each other in an exciting fashion. Take the words "Love," "Oly," "Summer" and "Festival"— four fine nouns, each excellent value individually. Now just imagine them all together — or even better as "LoveOly SummerFest 2024," with them all smooshed together in a sort of vocabularical foursome, for a three-day event in downtown Olympia on June 21-23.

It's an apt title, as there's a LOT of frolicsome exuberance featured at the Festival, one of those grand "throw all the fun at the downtown streets and see what sticks" sort of events. There are family friendly activities like the much-beloved Pet Parade and live performances from Oly Family Theatre.



The Olson Bros

There's an impressive line-up for the music stage featuring two days of more than a dozen local and regional bands and musicians, including Olson Bros, the Fern Spores, Ethan Tucker, Amelia Day and Brittany Danielle. There's even a Sunday mimosa brunch with drag divas. Throw in some food trucks, buskers, independent vendors and a Biergarten, and that's a great introduction to summer — practically a Lovolysumfest!

The Festival, headquartered at 5th and Washington, begins on Friday the 21st at 3 p.m. with streets being given over to family activities including face painting, caricature artists, and a Makers Market. Live music takes the stage soon after, featuring a roster of artists from Olympia, the Pacific Northwest and beyond, including Stephanie Anne Johnson, Uncle Daddy and the King Tides, Bhi Bhiman and The Lowest Pair.

The Biergarten and food vendors will be open for business Friday evening with live music continuing to 9.

Saturday morning begins with the annual Pet Parade, a chance to see just about the cutest collection of little animals you can imagine — along with some of their pets! The Parade begins at 10:30 at Legion Way SE and Washington and continues along Capitol Way through Sylvester Park and to Capitol Way and 4th. After the parade are performances from Olympia Family Theatre and from noted juggler/magician The Zaniac (assuming he's free from the Zasyllum). To register, go to: hocm.org/events-programs/2024-pet-parade-registration/

If your kids find being away from a screen for several hours too disconcerting, there's a Super Smash Bros video game competition going on in one of the Festival tents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; register for it here: start.gg/tournament/loveoly-summer-fest-2024/details.

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Then through the rest of the day it's a full line-up on the Music Stage, including Zach Medlin, Small Town Strings, Waves Crashing and Oblé Reed. And if contemporary folk/folk-rock/rock/anything else is less your jam than the classical stuff, there's also going to be a performance from the Olympia Symphony and Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia, giving one of their ever-popular "Conduct Us" performances.

How do you wind down from a weekend like that? How about a drag show and some mimosas? ("Wind down" is open to interpretation.) Yes, Sunday morning at 11 it's time for the **Queens of Diva Drag Brunch**, with the Biergarten featuring a Mimosa Bar with classic and special drinks, along with pop-up brunch options from Chicory, Dos Hermanos Mexican Kitchen, The Oyster Boys and participating food trucks.

The Festival's headquarters will be at 5th and Washington, and the event is FREE! FREE! FREE!

WHAT: LoveOly SummerFest 2024

WHERE: Downtown Olympia, centered on Washington St. and 5th Ave.

WHEN: June 12-23

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: loveolydowntown.com/events/loveoly-summerfest



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Olympia Harbor Days Celebrates 51 Years

By Lynette Charters Serembe

Olympia Harbor Day started in 1973, showcasing the vintage tugboats of the Puget Sound at Percival Landing in Olympia. It was a casual gathering hosted by the nonprofit South Sound Maritime Heritage Association, which organizes the event to this day. The first promoted tugboat race happened one year later; it honored a tradition that originally started in the late 1800s when sailing ships needed steam powered tugboats to tow them into the docks because of lack of strong inland winds. The tugboats would race to meet the ships and the first tug to arrive got the towing job. Restaurant owner Ivar Hagland made the tradition popular by staging races in Elliott Bay in Seattle to publicize his seafood restaurants. The vintage tugboat races no longer happen in Seattle, and Olympia now hosts the largest races of its kind in Puget Sound.

Today Olympia Harbor Days is a much grander three-day event featuring the world's largest annual vintage tugboat show and tugboat races in addition to historic tall ship and steamship cruises, sails, drone shows, music, dance performances, lighted belly dancers, fire/LED shows, music, as well as arts, crafts and food vendors.

Olympia Harbor Days is supported by all three local tribes Squaxin Island Tribe, Chehalis Tribe, Nisqually Tribe and local businesses. The three-day event starts at 5 p.m. on Friday with a tribal blessing at Percival Landing,

Both the Lady Washington tall ship and the Virginia V steamer ship will be open for viewing in between sailings at the Port Plaza dock. Harbor tours and sailings are on offer for both, and the schooner Pterodactyl will be available for charters.

Walk aboard vintage tugboat show is on Saturday, Aug 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. along the docks. Sadly, the Sand Man tugboat is no longer docked at Percival Landing. She was built in Tacoma in 1910, she competed for many years winning in 2019, but she recently sustained damage and needs extensive repair.

The tugboat races are scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 1, noon to 3 p.m. Please note, the tugboat races can only be viewed from a private boat or on the Virginia V.

Throughout the weekend live music and dance performances will be found at Port Plaza, and Percival Landing stages.





Performances scheduled are Amira’s Belly Dancing, Curlews Call, Mikana Marimba, Tone Roller, Selassie Ites, Garage Majal, Country Dave, Cosmos Dream, Olympia Highlanders, Two Town Sound and Tuners Barbershop, Knot for Sail, Stix and Bones, Cool Breeze, Humor and Heart, Vuelta La Luna Fire/LED Spinning, Rainier Riff, Cool Breeze/Beluga Zumba, Coast Salish Tribal Performances, Choro Tomorrow, Selha Korha, FisherPoets, Danni Rose, Samba Olywa. Check Olympia Harbor Days website for details.

For more family fun, old favorites are back including: Sand sculpting, (near the corner of Columbia St. and Olympia Ave.) is a large, sculpted sand display, the sculpting can be observed all weekend and will be completed for viewing on Sunday, Sept. 1. Also Sunday at 11 a.m. at the north side of Budd Bay Café, there will be a quick-carve contest. Two contestants at a time will be given 15 minutes to compete. The audience will judge who wins.

All weekend, harbor building is available provided by TrainBuilder. There will be tables set out for both little kids and big kids to build boats from Lego bricks. The boats are floated in pools to test for buoyancy. The Lego boats cannot be taken home but they are added to a harbor display. At night, boats are taken apart so the boat building can begin again the next day.

Puget Sound Estuarium will be hosting marine biology activities, with a touch tank of bay marine animals. See their website for hours and details. pugetsoundestuarium.org

The Hands On Children’s Museum will all be returning with it’s Make, Race, and Take boat building from recycle materials activity both Saturday and Sunday, and is free to the public. All recycled materials will be provided by Hands On Children’s Museum. Check their website for details.

Illuminated entertainment will include lighted belly dancers performed by Amira’s Belly Dancing, which can be seen at Percival Landing Park, and Vuelta La Luna fire and LED Light Spinners will be performing at the Port Plaza. These events both run for about an hour and start at 8.30 p.m., so you will need to choose which to attend or split your time between the two.

Skylites will be presenting a maritime drone show involving 150 drones. The main show will be on Friday evening, but there will also be a practice show on Thursday, both shows begin at 9.30 p.m. The drone show can be viewed all along the boardwalk, but it can also be seen from any reasonable distance.

The market vendors will stay open through Friday evening at 9:30. when the drone show begins.

Olympia Harbor Days advises that you check their website for updates and details of events as new information arrives. The free family outdoor event will take place rain or shine so dress accordingly.

WHAT: Olympia Harbor Day Festival

WHERE: Budd Bay, Percival Landing, and various surrounding downtown locations, Olympia

WHEN: Friday Aug. 30, 5-9:30 pm, Saturday Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday Sept 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., drone show Friday Aug 30, 9 ;30 p.m. (practice drone show Thursday Aug 29, 9:30 p.m.)

HOW MUCH: Free except for certain commercial services

LEARN MORE: harbordays.com

Harbor tours and sailing tickets: harbordays.com/harbor-tours-sailing-tickets

Hands On Children’s Museum: hocm.org



Oldies Rule at Lacey in Tune

By Molly Gilmore

Retro tunes will be in the air this summer in Lacey's Huntamer Park. Most of the bands playing at the city's Concerts & Movies in the Park, the foundation of the Lacey in Tune series, is either a tribute act or a cover band focused on decades past.



Creedence Revelation

Creedence Revelation, playing July 19 before a screening of *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*, is a tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival and plays a few of John Fogerty's solo hits, too. Mick Hart and the Classic Vinyl Band, playing Aug. 2 before *Migration*, covers music of the '50s, '60s, '70s and beyond. And then there's Beatles tribute Paperback Writer, playing Aug. 9 before *Barbie*.

A cappella masters The Coats, playing July 26 before *Wonka* sing a variety of tunes including originals, but there are plenty of cover songs, too, including "Bridge Over Troubled Water" (a chart-topper for Simon and Garfunkel in 1970 — also a big year for CCR) and "Don't Bring Me Down" (a hit for Electric Light Orchestra in 1979).

"We've been doing surveys recently during and after Lacey in Tune, and the most requested thing is tribute bands," said Krzysztyanka Shaffer of Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation. "Sometimes people will request a band by name, and sometimes they'll just say that they want more oldies, more tribute bands."

"It is a great alternative to seeing the real thing, which for many is not possible anymore," said Glenn Henry, who plays Paul McCartney in Paperback Writer. A tribute, he said, is the next best thing. "I believe it must be done right, and presentation is the key," he said. "I learned to play the bass left handed after playing right handed for 40 years just to fill the role of Paul McCartney properly. That's how (seriously) we take it."

The Friday double features, with concerts starting at 7 p.m. and movies at dusk, draw crowds of 400-900 people, Schaffer said. "It varies depending on the performer and the weather," she said.



The Coats

Adding to the appeal of the weekend shows: There are food trucks on hand every week. “We are still getting applications for food vendors,” she said in May. “We currently have ice cream, tacos, kettle corn and a lemonade stand with snacks.”

Shaffer is most excited about Paperback Writer, a Los Angeles-based band that’s playing in the area for the first time. “I’m a fan of the Beatles,” she said. “And I’ve seen Paperback Writer elsewhere, and the band did a great job.”

While the Beatles tribute is making its South Sound debut, Henry played Lacey in Tune in 2023 with his Beach Boys tribute act Catch a Wave. With Wave, he plays Brian Wilson — and there’s more: He founded, manages and performs with four other tribute and oldies bands, including Monkees Mania and Simon and Garfunkel tribute Feelin’ Groovy.

Credence Revelation, headed up by Randy Linder of Tumwater, was a crowd favorite at Lacey in Tune in 2023, Shaffer said. The band was requested more than any other on follow-up surveys.

Jeannette Sieler of Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation has raved about The Coats, a Seattle-based ensemble that has won a cappella competitions and even sung at the White House. “The Coats is one of my favorite groups,” Sieler said in 2023, when the band headlined Lacey’s Independence Day celebration. “The guys put on a great show.”



Mick Hart and the Classic Vinyl Band

Also well known for putting on a great show are Mick Hart and the Classic Vinyl Band, which got its start playing for a dance at Reeves Middle School back in 2006. Over the years, band members have included Olympia School District teachers, faculty, parents and board members. Hart retired in 2022.

Lacey in Tune also offers shows for children at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays July 9-Aug. 13, lunchtime concerts at noon Wednesdays July 10-Aug. 14 and a bonus concert with Wally and the Beaves at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 31. Wally and the Beaves, by the way, play hits of the ’50s through the ’80s and beyond.

WHAT: Lacey in Tune Concerts & Movies in the Park

WHERE: Huntamer Park, 618 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey

WHEN: 7 p.m. July 19 and 26 and August 2 and 9
Check out the lineup ad on page 27 for times.

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: laceyparks.org/lit

Enjoy the Diverse Cultures of the South Sound at Tacoma Moon Festival 2024

By Molly Walsh

Lining the shores of Commencement Bay in Tacoma, the Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park is home to the annual Tacoma Moon Festival, an event that commemorates the multicultural makeup of the South Sound and beyond. At the Tacoma Moon Festival, community members of diverse heritage and background will unite in one central locale for an afternoon of live performances, family-friendly activities and opportunities to learn more about the origins of the park.

The 2024 Tacoma Moon Festival will take place from 1-7 p.m. on September 14. The Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation puts on the annual event, and CRPF Board President Theresa Pan Hosley, said the festival aligns with the Mid-Autumn Moon Holiday, a significant celebration in China and Taiwan.

“Families get together to enjoy meals with special treats and to give Thanks for an end of the year of abundance,” said Hosley. “We want to share this less-known but important tradition with our community in Tacoma. Tacoma Moon Festival is intended to bring communities in Tacoma together as one big family to celebrate Tacoma’s diverse cultures and traditions.”

In addition to the Tacoma Moon Festival, the CRPF hosts a number of events at the park each year, including the Walk for Reconciliation Against Racism each autumn, and the new Music at the Park Festival, which took place in May.

Greg Youtz, vice president of the CRPF board, described the park standing as both an emblem of the region’s history, recognizing the ouster of Chinese residents from the City of Tacoma in November 1885, while also serving as a modern-day gathering spot to appreciate the diversity of the South Sound.

“We think that this park is pretty much unique in the United States, as being a city creating a park as an act of...memory, and an act of reconciliation,” said Youtz.

Hosley said events like the Tacoma Moon Festival encourage attendees to become acquainted with the park, learn more about the region’s history and bolster multicultural celebration and understanding.



“Through the educational and cultural events such as Tacoma Moon Festival, we seek to support and promote the cultural wealth of all Tacoma’s immigrant communities,” said Hosley.

The festival brings several thousand attendees to the Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park each year, with a full schedule of live multicultural performances, family-friendly interactive activities, food vendors, retail stalls, guided tours of the park, and a beer and wine garden. Youtz described the festival atmosphere as an upbeat celebration that allows attendees room to breathe, take in the happenings and appreciate the greater environment of the waterfront park.

Lotus Perry, CRPF board secretary and volunteer for the Tacoma Moon Festival, said that the festival’s live performances, vendors and activities span a wide array of cultural identities, and is a lively celebration uniting the attendees, vendors and performers.

“The best part for me is to see so many people coming out from various parts in the Puget Sound area, mingle and interact from each other through food, music, dance, crafts and other activities,” said Perry. “The annual TMF creates that needed public space to build better communities!”

Youtz said the performances are typically kicked off by the Mak Fai Lion Dance Association, with a full spectrum of continuous acts on the main stage of the festival, and performers for the 2024 Tacoma Moon Festival may also include Tlalokan, Guma Imahe Polynesian Dance, Hwa Sheng Chinese Opera Club, and more.

The Moon Princess Lantern Parade is a highlight of the festival, and takes place in the evening, toward the festival’s conclusion. The narrative of the Moon Princess is associated with the Mid-Autumn Moon Holiday, according to Hosley. During the festival, young attendees have the opportunity to decorate a lantern at one of the craft areas, and they are able to present their creations during the parade.

“This is always a favorite photo op for parents and little kids,” said Youtz.

As summer season winds down, and autumn quickly approaches, the Tacoma Moon Festival is the intersection of the past, and present day community-building. And there are many ways to be involved, whether as an attendee, or volunteer. To plan and execute this event each year, requires a concerted group effort from many facets of the Tacoma community and beyond Perry said.

This includes patrons like Tacoma Creates, Tacoma Arts Commission, Gottfried & Mary Fuchs Foundation and Annie Wright Schools. Ahead of the event, a strong corps of volunteers, including the CRPF board, band together to procure equipment, seek out performers and vendors, execute marketing plans, post on social media and beyond.

“It takes a lot of resources and manpower to host an annual event of such scale!” said Perry. “CRPF is grateful to have gained continuous support from our community sponsors and partners, and has managed hosting this annual outdoor festival since 2012! Without the hard work of the CRPF Board and its network of volunteers, this waterfront event that often attracts thousands of attendees would not be possible!”



WHAT: 2024 Tacoma Moon Festival

WHERE: Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park
1741 N. Schuster Parkway, Tacoma

WHEN: September 14, 1-7p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: tacomamoonfestival.org
crpftacoma.org/events/#upcoming

2024 Summer Theatre



ANIMAL FIRE THEATRE COMPANY

WHAT: Shakespeare's *Henry IV*

WHERE: Wonderwood Park, 5304 32nd Ave SE, Lacey

WHEN: Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from July 5-28

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: animalfiretheatre.com



HARLEQUIN

WHAT: *Cabaret* and *Pride and Prejudice*

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

WHEN: *Cabaret*: June 28 - July 28.

Pride and Prejudice: August 30 - September 22

Check website for times and dates.

HOW MUCH: Check website for cost.

LEARN MORE: harlequinproductions.org



BALLET NORTHWEST

WHAT: *Young Choreographers Showcase*

WHERE: Capital High School Performing Arts Center
2707 Conger Ave NW, Olympia

WHEN: Sunday, August 25

HOW MUCH: Check website for cost.

LEARN MORE: balletnorthwest.org



LAKEWOLD GARDENS (LAKEWOOD)

WHAT: Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* (abridged)
Presented by Theater Artists Olympia

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

WHEN: August 23 and 24. Check website for times.

HOW MUCH: Free with garden admission

LEARN MORE: lakewoldgardens.org



CHILDREN'S THEATER EXPERIENCE (CTE)

WHAT: **The Arts Festival** - classic Dr. Seuss stories and musical numbers. The **Showcase** musical is *Seussical Jr.*

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

WHEN: *Seuss Fest* performs July 19 & 20, 2024

Seussical Jr. performs on 8/1 and 8/2 at 7pm. And on 8/3 at 1pm and 7pm.

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

LEARN MORE: CTEkids.org



LAKEWOOD PLAYHOUSE (LAKEWOOD)

WHAT & WHEN: *Brush Up Your Shakespeare!*: July 8-19,
Annie Jr.: July 22-August 9, *Into The Woods Jr.*, August 12-23,
Willy Wonka Kids: August 26-30.
Godspell September 13-29.

WHERE & HOW MUCH: In 5729 Lakewood Towne Center Blvd SW, Lakewood, WA 98499. Check website for cost.

LEARN MORE: lakewoodplayhouse.org



OLYMPIA LITTLE THEATRE

WHAT: *Death By Design*

WHERE: Olympia Little Theatre, 1925 Miller Ave NE, Olympia

WHEN & HOW MUCH: September 8-24.
Check website for times and cost.

LEARN MORE: olympialittletheater.org



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WHAT & WHEN: Broadway Olympia presents: *Tick, Tick, Boom*: June 21 to July 14

Theater Artists Olympia presents: *Much Ado About Nothing*: August 30 - September 1 and *Mercury Rising*: August 23, 24

Juice Box Theatre presents: *City Mouse & Country Mouse*: July 18-20, *Little Red Riding Hood*: August 15-17 and *Twelve Dancing Princesses*: September 19-21. Check website for times

WHERE & HOW MUCH: In the Oly Theater, Capital Mall, 625 Black Lake Blvd, Olympia -. Located near the cinemas across from Old Navy. Check website for cost.

LEARN MORE: olytheater.com



STRING AND SHADOW

WHAT: *Or So It Would Seem: A Giant Puppet Fable For All Ages*

WHERE: Decatur Woods Park, 1015 Decatur St SW, Olympia

WHEN: July 12 - 21. Check website for times and cost.

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Capital Lakefair 2024

By Adam McKinney

If Olympia has a reputation, it mainly consists of its vibe: a desire to highlight and explore left field and underground arts, and an individualist spirit that hovers somewhere in the range of hippie ideals and anarchist energy. Like Austin and Portland, Olympia is a place that we have been urged to “keep weird.”

But, in the beating heart of an Olympia summer lies Lakefair, an annual event that feels as classic, wholesome, and all-American as an apple pie cooling on a windowsill. Since 1957, Lakefair has brought the city together to revel in parades, carnival rides, live performances, and a wholly absurd amount of delicious food — an event that even the crustiest of punks would admit is a great thing to have around.

Now in its 67th year, Lakefair will once again bring a smorgasbord of family-friendly entertainment to Capital Lake for five days of events that are designed to bring in all parts of the community. From July 17-21, Lakefair takes over Heritage Park and becomes a kind of idyllic cultural hub. We recently spoke with Lakefair Co-President Karen Adams-Griggs, who provided a little more insight into how much more important and involved Lakefair might appear than from the outside.

“It is a huge event, so trying to do this in my spare time is challenging,” says Adams-Griggs. “I’ve been doing this 10 years, and I’m a schoolteacher by day. ... It sounds like Lakefair is only five days — plus five days of setup and teardown — but Lakefair is actually busy year-round. We do community service hours for other organizations.

“This year, we’re going to be helping the Thurston County Relay For Life,” Adams-Griggs continues. “We’ll also be helping Little Red Schoolhouse, we helped the Bob Leingang fishing tournament, we helped with the Olympia Yacht Club, and those are just a few.”

Baked into the center of Capital Lakefair is the Royal Court, which plays a prominent part in the event’s parade. Every year, six high school girls from Thurston County schools are granted scholarships — more “gateway scholarships,” as Adams-Griggs puts it, which can lead to further scholarships. This year alone, Lakefair is donating \$17,000 to these scholarships.

Those chosen few are then celebrated as queens, princesses, and ambassadors. But, unlike other pageants, there are no beauty or talent contests here, just essays and interviews that pave the way for these girls to get that momentum toward college. These honorees will be celebrated at the Capital Lakefair Grand Parade on the Saturday of the event.

Adams-Griggs, for one, is excited for everyone to see the float that Lakefair's created, which will be a parade highlight as it rolls down Capitol Way and onto 5th Avenue.

"We started building the float in January, there every Monday night, just with volunteers," says Adams-Griggs. "And it's an award-winning float. ... We do 15 parades a year. That's part of going out into other communities — we do their festivals, and they come to ours."

With 57 arts and crafts vendors, a cavalcade of music, a huge car show that we haven't even mentioned, and so much more going on, it can be a little daunting to know where to begin. For her part, Adams-Griggs has her game plan.

"You gotta hit Food Row first," says Adams-Griggs. "That's always a big one for me, is to hit all the food I want on Food Row that I may not see again for another year. Then, I go through the arts and crafts, and then chill out and listen to music. Then, of course, the parade, which is another big moving piece."

Whichever way you choose to experience Lakefair's 67th year, rest assured that, underneath all the sun and fun and games, this is an institution that is always working to keep Olympia thriving.

WHAT: Capital Lakefair

WHERE: Heritage Park, and parade on Capitol Way, Olympia

WHEN: Noon to 11 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 to approximately midnight Sunday, July 21

HOW MUCH: Free

LEARN MORE: lakefair.org

Welcome

Ken Ringering and Karen Adams-Griggs are honored to represent Capital Lakefair as the 2024 Co-Presidents. We look forward to celebrating our community, and our theme this year is "Love is the Magic of Lakefair." Karen grew up in the Olympia area, and has been a part of Lakefair her whole life. Ken and his wife Chris have been volunteering for Lakefair since 2007. We both bring a wealth of love for our community and what it represents. It has always been a summertime tradition since 1957 that we look forward to every summer.

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 67 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.

We would like to personally invite everyone to come to help us celebrate 67 years of Lakefair, July 17-21 2024.

Sincerely,

Co-Presidents Karen Adams-Griggs and Ken Ringering



2024 Capital Lakefair Grand Parade

Saturday, July 20th

GRAND MARSHALL



George Sharp

George has been chosen as the 2024 Capital Lakefair Grand Marshal. He was selected for his long-time volunteerism at many festivals, events, organizations, and communities. George works for the Thurston Economic Development Council (EDC) as the Rural Program Manager. George is a festival coordinator and a board member of the WFEA (Washington Festival & Events Association), and you could say he lives for a good festival, it all started back in 1989 when he volunteered to be the first Tase T. Lentil Mascot for the National Lentil Festival in Pullman, and it has continued to this day. He attends and supports many festivals, ranging from Boo-Coda Spook-Tacular, Oregon Trail Days, Rochester Swede Day, Rainier Bluegrass Pick'n Party, and our own Capital Lakefair. If you are looking for George on a weekend in the summer, he will more than likely be attending a festival somewhere. George was 2015 Lakefair President and his favorite role was being a float driver for Lakefair, participating in more than 30 parades across the Pacific Northwest. He was instrumental in helping

Lakefair survive through the COVID years by securing grant funding. George has been married to his amazing wife Stacy Guettinger Sharp for 36 years, with two incredible children, and celebrates the joys of being a grandfather for the first time.

ROYALTY COURT



Queen Mary Bayle

My name is Mary Bayle, and I am a junior representing Capital High School. I participate in Capital's cross country and track team, as well as the Washington Student Cycling League. I have been lucky enough to be afforded the amazing opportunity of representing Lakefair as this year's queen. I am eager to engage with my community through various volunteer events, whether it is painting kid's faces, or working with impactful groups such as Kiwanis and Zonta. Currently, I am working towards earning my IB diploma, and I intend to further my education after high school by attending a four-year college. I hope to get into the Air Force Academy or attend a California school for its great marine biology classes. I am looking forward to becoming closer with my fellow court, and excited for all the adventures we will soon have.





Princess Sarah Barry

Hey there! I'm Sarah Barry and I represent Rainier High School. As a Lakefair ambassador, I am so excited to be involved in my community! Lakefair has allowed me to come out of my comfort zone, and make a positive impact in various ways. So far I have enjoyed the princess tea party and the Wenatchee parade, despite getting soaked from all the rain! I pride myself on never being afraid to try new things, even

if that means being the person who sticks out in a room. As Tyra Banks once said "Never dull your shine for somebody else."



Princess Charlie Culley

My name is Charlie Culley, I am one of a handful of incredible girls blessed to be a part of this year's royalty court for Lakefair. I am a junior at Black Hills High School and I am so stoked to see what this year will bring. After high school, I plan to go to a community college. Beyond school I plan to serve as an overseas missionary, going wherever God calls me to. I signed up for Lakefair not thinking it would go anywhere. However, beyond imagination,

I've wound up being surrounded by such loving girls which I get to experience all that is Lakefair with. Already, just a few months in, I can feel the positive impact that this has had on my life. I never imagined that I could feel comfortable public speaking let alone enjoy it. I'm engaged in a couple of clubs within my school. Next year, thanks to the confidence I've built through this experience, I'll be joining some of the club's leadership, representing the club as Vice president. Again I'm so stoked to see where this will lead me!



Princess Sydney Peters

My name is Sydney Peters and I am proudly representing Olympia High School! This opportunity has been amazing and I've loved being a part of the Capital Lakefair's Royalty Court. I am so thankful for the privilege of representing my community through Lakefair. I'm a very active member of my community, Olympia High School, and Olympia itself. Alongside my several advanced placement

classes, I'm a member of multiple clubs, such as being VP of Earth Corps and Climate Action Club, as well as being involved with 4 other clubs. I'm also a varsity player on my school Girls Golf team. In the general community, I'm an active volunteer. Whether it's park clean-ups at Squaxin Park or helping at the Food Bank. Lakefair has been an amazing opportunity to further my connection with my community. I plan on using the skills I've learned from Lakefair to build connections with my future communities such as when I go to college. My current plan is to attend the University of Washington and study environmental science. After getting my undergraduate, I plan to attend law school. Once more, I'm so thankful for this opportunity and I cannot wait for this year with Lakefair!



Ambassador Kiana Richards

My name is Kiana Richards and I am a 16-year-old community ambassador representing Timberline High School in this year's Lakefair program. I originally applied for the Lakefair scholarship as a way to further connect with my local community. I've also done this at Timberline through my work as the public relations officer for the National Honors

Society, and participating in choir, orchestra, and theater. I also take a vigorous class load including three AP classes and an honor class. After high school, I plan on attending a 4 year school and majoring in architectural design and maybe dance. Outside of school, I dance with Ballet Northwest and Johansen's Olympia Dance Center doing jazz and ballet. By participating in Lakefair this year I have learned to talk with a wide variety of people and am learning different skills through my volunteer services, including how to fish! My favorite activity so far has been the Princess Tea Party because I learned to help serve food and even worked on frosting cupcakes. The best part however was dancing with all the kids during the dance party. In the future, I look forward to doing more face painting and bettering my art skills on a moving canvas!



Ambassador Natalya Hayes

Hello, I am Natalya Hayes, a junior at Avanti High School. I am currently a Community Ambassador. I have a passion for art, travel, and adventure. Serving as a Lakefair community ambassador has been a wonderful opportunity for me to come out of my shell and help out in the community. So far I have painted kids' faces, helped out

at the Princess Tea Party, and volunteered at the Bob Leingang fishing day t where I helped young children catch rainbow trout. Since I have participated in so many activities that I had never tried before, I am looking forward to participating in more. I have come to realize that I have a passion for trying new things. It's inspired me to look into studying abroad. I will also write and illustrate graphic novels. I have plans to attend college and earn double majors in a career of my choosing and graphic design as well as business classes to help me become an entrepreneur.

- WHAT:** Capital Lakefair Grand Parade
- WHERE:** Capitol Way, Olympia
- WHEN:** Saturday July 20th, at 5 p.m.
- HOW MUCH:** Free
- LEARN MORE:** lakefair.org

Capital Lakefair 2024 - Events

CARNIVAL

Experience the thrill and excitement of the Funtastic Traveling Shows Carnival! There are a wide array of rides and games for all age groups. There will be no wristbands available this year, either by online pre-sale or during the event in July. Tickets are available on-site only.

WHEN: July 17-18, 2024 (Noon-10pm), July 19-20 (Noon-11pm) and July 21 (Noon-Midnight)

VENDORS & FOOD CONCESSIONS

The vendor booths at Lakefair feature a blend of unique and interesting items created by local artists and craftspeople, as well as a variety of popular commercial items.

Every year food concessionaires line Water Street with a variety of dining options as part of Lakefair Week. These groups are primarily local non-profit organizations, who use sales from the festival as a major source of funding for their annual operations.

Uptown Grill: Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cups, Pork Carnitas

Limeberry: Frozen Yogurt, Frozen Drinks

Hungarian Kitchen: Elephant Ears, Hungarian Fried Bread

Fast and Fresh: Gyros, Chicken Strips

Olympia Eagles Ladies Auxiliary: Strawberry Shortcake, Lotus Energy Drinks

S4 Stevens Racing: Funnel Cakes, Kettle Corn

Thurston County Democrats: Demo Burger, Fries, Impossible Demo Burger

STEM: FRC Robotics Team: Crepes

Olympias Host Lions: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs

Zonta/Fess/Jared's Corner: Kettle Corn

City Campers: Coffee, Espresso, Energy Drinks

Thurston County Republican: Garlic Fries, Pulled Pork Nachos, Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Pacific Ohana: Teriyaki Chicken Plate, Stir Fry Noodles

WHEN: July 17-21, 2024 @ Noon-11pm

PARADE

The Lakefair Grand Parade is one of the largest in the region, and features entries of all kinds. The event kicks off with pre-parade festivities at 4:45pm to get the crowd warmed up, and leads into the main event at 5pm. The parade route begins along Capitol Way at 20th and continues down to 5th Ave ending near the bridge.

WHEN: Saturday, July 20, 2024 @ 5pm

CAR SHOW

Join this annual favorite along Capitol Lake on Friday, July 19, 2024! Rides of all kinds are represented with categories recognizing custom and vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles. The show begins at Marathon Park and continues north along Deschutes Pkwy toward Heritage Park. Foot traffic is open for the event and free to attend, vehicle access is blocked at 5th Ave and restricted to show vehicles only from the south. Note there is no provision for parking additional vehicles within the restricted section of Deschutes Pkwy. Street parking is available in the surrounding areas.

WHEN: Friday, July 19, 2024 @ 5:00-8:30pm



FIREWORKS

Come enjoy this community favorite on the last day of Lakefair Week! The Grand Finale Fireworks display takes place over Capitol Lake in Olympia, and can be viewed from Heritage Park, Deschutes Pkwy, Capitol Campus or anywhere with a view of the lake. Sponsored by the Washington State Lottery.

WHEN: Sunday, July 21, 2024 @ 10pm

SENIOR'S DAY

Lakefair's 50+ in the Park features a great variety of live entertainment, vendors, activities, prizes and giveaways! The event takes place at Heritage Park near the entertainment main stage.

WHEN: Friday, July 19, 2024 @ 9am-2:30pm

Mainstage Schedule

Wednesday July 17th

Noon – 5pm **Battle of the Bands**
 5:30 – 6:15pm..... **Sami Chohfi** (Hard Rock)
 6:45 – 7:30pm..... **The Electric Sweats** (Alternative/Punk)
 8:00pm - Close **Wide Eye Panic** (Hard Rock)

Thursday July 18th

Noon - 2pm **Dogger** (Originals/Covers/Country Rock)
 2:30-3:15pm..... **Clear Nothing** (Alternative Rock)
 3:45 – 4:30pm..... **Grizzly** (Punk Rock/Alternative)
 5-7pm Capital Lakefair Royalty Speeches
 7pm – 7:45pm **Black Shepard** (Rock Originals/Covers)
 8:15pm **Nikko** (Blues Originals/Covers)

Friday July 19th

4:00 – 4:45pm..... **The Low Wires** Featuring
 Members of The Dirty Birds (Rockabilly Punk)
 5:15 – 6:00pm..... **Positrac** (Original Rock N Roll)
 6:30 – 7:15pm..... **Monster Creep**
 featuring Jack Endino (Alternative Rock)
 7:45 – 8:30pm..... **The Stuntmen** (Punk Rock N Roll)
 9Pm - Close **Randy Hansen**
 (World Renowned Jimi Hendrix Tribute)

Saturday July 20th

Noon – 1pm **Kinetic Dance Academy** (Performance)
 1:30 – 2:15pm..... **Lindsay Quella Kara** (Folk Acoustic)
 3pm..... **Ellie Buzzard** from American Idol (Rock N Roll)

4pm-6:30pm- Parade

6:30-7:10pm..... **Baby And The Nobodies**
 (Original Alternative Rock)
 7:40 – 8:30..... **Tanglewilde** (Original Rock N Roll)
 9pm – Close..... **Sweet Water** (Iconic Seattle Rock N Roll)

Sunday July 21st

Noon – 12:40pm **John More** (Instrumental Guitar)
 1:10 - 1:55pm..... **Rob Long** (Acoustic)
 2:25 - 3:10pm..... **Bless The Ashes** (Spiritual Rock N Roll)
 3:40 - 4:25pm..... **Cosmos Dream** (Pop Rock)
 4:55 - 5:25pm..... **Hogue & Moore Band** (Classic Rock)
 5:55 – 6:40pm..... **Power Castle** (Original Rock Roll)
 7:10 - 7:55pm..... **Dani Rose** (Pop Originals)
 8:20 – Close **The Six** (Classic Rock Covers)

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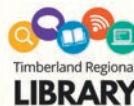


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