

Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

Awaken Your Inner Artist

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Director's Note

This is the time of year when the arts shine. There are dances and concerts, plays and performances. The holidays are made better and made brighter by men and women utilizing their gifts to spread hope and joy and cheer. I have a steady stream of Christmas music playing in my office. I've seen the Nutcracker and several other Christmas concerts and shows. I am buying beautiful and unique pieces of art for my wife and incredible books for my kids. Behind all of these are artists who are turning their visions into reality.



For the arts to shine in December, the work begins months in advance. There are rehearsals and individual practice. There are drafts to be written and re-written. There are pieces to make and tweak and perfect before they hit the shelves. There are late nights and long days throughout the fall and winter as artists put in the time to hone their craft. The arts shine this time of year because the artists work in the shadows in preparation.

Enjoy the arts this time of year. Support the arts, and especially our local artists, throughout the year. Thank an artist when you see them. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival.

James

What's Next?

The end of the year is dashing towards us. Holiday music, parties, treats and festivities are all around. Festival is also in a dash but our minds are a focused beyond the holidays as we are knee deep in planning for Winter Festival!

Tickets are bought, rooms are booked, cars reserved, venues... well, we are working on that, but Winter Festival will go on February 17th-23rd, 2020. Classes for Marimba and Gospel will be open for registration just after we usher in 2020 and begin the celebration of 40 years of Festival. Stay tuned to our Facebook and Website to make sure you ready when it goes live. We can't hardly wait to see all of you. In the meantime, Happy Holidays from our families to all of yours!



Artist Spotlight *Emily Anderson*

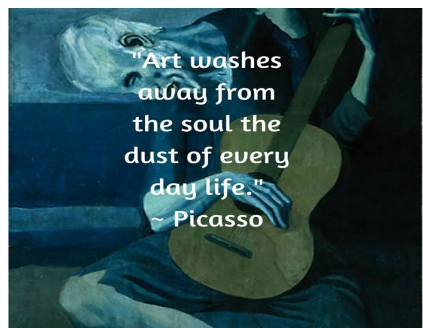
Like stumbling into a rose garden on a trek through the arctic, listeners of Emily's music find themselves helplessly lifted into a world so hauntingly familiar, and yet so enchantingly curious. With a voice of untouchable purity and lyricism of remarkable wit and poignancy, Emily cradles matters of the human heart with an almost impossible sweetness.



After many years of studying songwriting & music business in Boston, and with several tours and recording projects under her belt, Emily has returned to her native Fairbanks and risen to deserving prominence in the tightly knit music scene in Alaska. In fitting testament to this, she received the Rasmuson Foundation's Individual Artist award in 2016 to assist her in making a full-length album.

Emily is in Fairbanks this week to release her new single "Gold" at Goldies on Saturday, December 14th at 7PM. If you have time, stop in and listen to our "Golden Lady".

It takes a whole community to support the arts. This is a great time of year to do it. Visit local bazaars, art studios, local shops and pick up those one of a kind gifts created by our local artists. Donate to a local art organization in the name of your own art lover! Visit www.fsaf.org to see the many ways you can support Festival this season. Whatever or however you do it, supporting art helps us all.



Happy Holidays, See you next year!

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