

# Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

*Awaken Your Inner Artist*

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## Director's Note

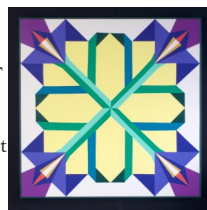
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased...thrilled...overjoyed to announce that our Registration for FSAF 2021 is now officially open! The catalogs are in the mail so look for yours showing up soon.

Head on over to [www.fsaf.org](http://www.fsaf.org) and look through the 120 different workshops that we are offering this summer. We have:

- **Accordion-** Jamie Maschler and Gabe Hall Rodrigues offer classes for all levels, from kids and beginners to seasoned players.
  - **American Roots-** Ryan Bowers, Emily Anderson, Amy Alvey and Mark Kilianski offer a ton of classes with Bass, Ukulele, Guitar, Fiddle, Songwriting, Harmonizing and more as they mix folk, country, pop, bluegrass and more together.
  - **Celtic-** Warbelow, Yoshizawa, Murray, Williamson, Arkins. We have assembled a group of incredible performers and tremendous teachers to cover all your Celtic Bases.
  - **Chamber Music-** The New Music Ensemble, CORVUS, will host opportunities to play with them and other musicians.
  - **Culinary-** Join a talented roster of chefs to learn how to make food from every corner of the globe. Delicious, instructive and entertaining, these workshops almost always sell out.
  - **Healing Arts-** Join Ruth Merriman in one of her Pilates classes or try something new with Teal Rogers and Aerial silks
  - **Jazz-** Greta Matassa and Keith Karns highlight our robust program with vocal instruction and large ensembles that will rekindle and stoke your love of Jazz.
  - **Marimba-** Nathan Beck visits Fairbanks to share his skills and knowledge. Classes for people who play every week as well as for those who have never picked up a mallet.
  - **Opera/Musical Theatre-** Our esteemed Opera Faculty open wide the doors to the theatre. Take your singing and performance to the next level with songs, scenes and coaching that will draw the very best out of you in two weeks.
  - **Painting-** Vladimir leads Plein Air. Tom teaches an introduction to Watercolors. Jill has Watercolor and Wine. Nancy instructs with oils and pastels. Something for the painters in all of us.
  - **Sing Your Song Cabaret-** Ron Drotos returns and helps you sing your favorite songs better than you thought that you ever could.
  - **Steel Pans-** CJ Menge and Gary Gibson welcome all skill levels to the music of the Steel Pans. Join in, experience the fun of learning the pans and delight in playing along with others on these unique instruments.
  - **Visual Arts-** Rachel Clark shows how to make Wearable Art. Debbie Matthews leads us in working with Glass. Leslie Shirah engages us in Felting while Sandra Wescott shows the depths of Zentangles.
  - **Voice-** Byron McGilvray returns to Fairbanks to lead vocal classes and the Festival Chorus!
  - **World Music and Dance-** Judy Kreith, Terri Massa and Daniela Borgialli return to teach dances from all around the world.
- There is something for everyone. Visit the website. Register for a class. Tell a friend and let's have an incredible summer together!

James Menaker



## What's Next? **Helping FSAF**

FSAF needs your help. Due to COVID there are no rental cars available in Fairbanks! If you or someone you know has a car, truck, van, they would be willing to loan for the 2 weeks of festival please email [poppyfloto@fsaf.org](mailto:poppyfloto@fsaf.org). We are also still looking for a few housing arrangements for guest artists. If you'd like to house a guest please let us know!

## Artist Spotlight~ Ron Drotos

Ron Drotos has been a FSAF guest artist since 1999. His Broadway pianist/arranger credits include 'Swinging on a Star,' 'Smokey Joe's Cafe,' and 'The Life.' He has orchestrated for the New York Pops Orchestra, and has also performed as a pianist with Brian Stokes Mitchell, Nell Carter, and Julius LaRosa. Ron has been featured as music director on the 92nd Street Y's famed 'Lyric and Lyricists' series. His latest CD, 'Duets' highlights his piano work with jazz violinist Jonathan Russell, and his choral compositions are regularly performed by high school and college



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