

Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

Awaken Your Inner Artist

April 2022

A Note From the Director:

Spring has sprung in Fairbanks! The sun rises early and stays up late. The streets are filled with puddles, pavement and grass are peaking out and we only have a few snowstorms throughout the week. That means Summer and FSAF 2022 are just around the corner!

Registration will open up on May 1st. Once again, it will go through our website, www.fsaf.org. If you need assistance with your online registration, you are always welcome to swing by our office or give us a call at 474-8869. It usually just takes us a few minutes to get your account set up and get you registered for those classes.

2022 is offering some unique challenges and opportunities. There are some long-time Guest Artists who decided that they wanted to hold off returning for this year and plan on rejoining us in 2023. There are some venues that are closed and community partners who were unable to come alongside us this year after the covid difficulties of the past two years.

But then there are also some new faces and old friends returning in new ways.

- Steve Ross will be joining us for the first three days of Festival to teach a Painting Series. We have more about him at the end of this letter, so I won't expound too much.
- Byron McGilvray returns to lead Festival Chorus...with a twist. Chorus will be meeting the two weeks before FSAF opens and their concert will be held on Sunday, July 17th, our opening day! Early Registration for the workshop is already open if you want to join Byron and dozens of others as they launch this summer's festival.
- Speaking of Byron, we get the opportunity to honor Mr. McGilvray, Ron Drotos and Joy McDougall as the newest members of our FSAF Hall of Fame.
- FSAF is partnering with the Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre to offer some Theatre Arts workshops during our 2nd week. Six workshops that offer training into skills for both On Stage and Behind the Curtain. The proceeds will go towards FLOT's community programming.

Mark your calendars. Registration opens **May 1st**. The Festival itself will be **July 17-31**. I look forward to seeing you there.

-James

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Guest Artist Spotlight- Steve Ross and Bram Bevins



Steve Ross, son of Bob Ross, is returning to the art world with a renewed passion after a long hiatus. As a young man, when he wasn't filming painting shows with his dad, he was traveling the country offering workshops. Steve's goal is to share his talent and inspire others to take up a brush and create, bringing more joy to the world through creativity. More info at www.steverossart.com

Bram Bevins paints and teaches classes at his home near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where endless inspiration abounds. As a college instructor for 20 years, his law students have labeled him "a teaching legend". That enthusiasm for teaching and genuine care of his students, comes through in all his painting workshops and has made him a highly sought-after wet-on-wet instructor. More info at www.paintwithbram.com



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