

Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

Awaken Your Inner Artist

January 2023

A Note From the Director:

Welcome one and all to 2023! There is so much happening with FSAF that I don't know if I will be able to fit it all into one letter, so let's dive into it.

- **Winter Edition 2023!** Winter edition is back. Due to some scheduling issues, we will be spreading out our workshops for nearly an entire month instead of focusing them into a single week. Registration is now open on the website so you can sign up for any of these amazing opportunities:
 - Gospel Choir, February 13-17. Join up with Bobby and Eustace to sing, laugh and celebrate
 - Beginning Watercolor Painting, February 13-17. Tom Nixon leads you into your first painting steps.
 - Motown, February 18. 7pm at the Westmark Gold Room. Dance the night away with our amazing singers and band.
 - Gospel Concert, February 19. 5pm at the Pioneer Park Centennial Center. Be inspired by the songs and the stories as we celebrate together.
 - Steel Pans, February 20-24. CJ Menge will be leading classes for all different experience levels.
 - Vocal Coaching, March 6-10. Byron McGilvray returns to lead a small group in developing their vocal skills.
 - Marimba, March 6-10. Jim Levine and Jenny Stroyeck will visit our community to share songs and skills.
- **Summer Festival 2023!** Preparation and planning are already well underway for the annual summer extravaganza. Dates for this summer's festival will be July 16-30. Save the dates on your calendar and look for registration to open on the website on May 1st. We will be all around Fairbanks, but mostly centered in the Carlson Center! It will be so incredible to have dozens and dozens of workshops happening under the same roof. There will be performances and child-care and food trucks and so many fun things that will enhance the already-incredible workshops that we offer. We will see you there.
- **Festival is hiring!** Most of the employment opportunities that FSAF has are seasonal. This is the exception. We are bringing on an Outreach Coordinator who will be spearheading a couple new initiatives in the coming years. We want to utilize Twin Bears Camp over the winter months for an Artist in Residence Program and we want to start putting together some opportunities for teens to connect with FSAF. If you know someone who is connected to Fairbanks, loves the arts, has incredible organizational

abilities and wants to be a part of Festival, have them get in touch with our office. We'd love to talk with them.

It looks like I have a little bit of space left, so I would like to say "Thank You" to all of our volunteers, supporters, registrants, instructors, our Board of Directors and our staff. It is thanks to you, our community, that FSAF has made it through this pandemic season. In 2020, we had a few outdoor workshops with a handful of registrants. 2021 saw us at about half capacity. 2022's numbers were about ¾ of what we were seeing before Covid hit. We are hoping and planning on a return to full strength and full capacity this year...and we would not have made it without you. Thank you for your generosity and your encouragement and your belief that life is better with art...and art is better in community.

I hope to see you around Winter Edition in a few weeks,

James

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