

# Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

*Awaken Your Inner Artist*

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## Director's Note

May and June are supposed to be the busiest times of year for the FSAF office. There are summer staff stuffed from wall to wall, trying to find desk space and computer access. The phones are always ringing and a flow of registrants and coordinators and volunteers and guest artists visit. Last minute details are being put together and catalog edits are being made on the website and flyers are going out and...

And this year it is silent. I find myself staring at the calendar in disbelief that it is June because this is not what June feels like. This is not what June sounds like. But this is where we are. The global pandemic that we have worked through this year has left my office unrecognizable and has left this summer's festival in unfamiliar waters.

We are planning to have a scaled-back festival this summer, July 20-24. There is a possibility that health mandates will come out between now and then that will cancel the event, but for the moment we are moving forward in our planning. If you want to join us for one of our 15 workshops, registration is now open at [www.fsaf.org](http://www.fsaf.org). We would love to have you come and join us to learn an instrument or learn to paint or try a new dance. If you are not ready for that level of exposure, I totally understand. We don't know what the world will look like next month. We will move forward and be attentive and if we have to cancel, we will have to cancel. Another way to support FSAF is through Pick.Click.Give. PFDs are coming out this summer and we still have a few more days to designate FSAF as a recipient of a portion of the disbursement. I wish that the circumstances were better, but this is one of the only times that people are thinking about FSAF and the PFD at the same time and my hope is that our giving will rise this year.

I hope that we are able to come together for a festival this year. I hope that we can find a way to do that so that people are safe and healthy and able to engage with their art and their community. I hope that for our festival. I hope that for our state. I hope that for you.

We will see what this next month holds.

James



## What's Next?

Registration is OPEN! Festival looks a little different this year but we are excited to still offer options to our community. We have a few new options available this year as well. Jump on our website and see what Awakens the Inner Artist in YOU!

## Artist Spotlight **Stefani Borrego**

Stefani Borrego danced internationally with Brigham Young University's undefeated U.S. National Formation Champion Ballroom Dance Company. She is the founder and director of the Lathrop High School Ballroom Dance Team. Stefani says ballroom dancing is a lifelong skill that is good for the soul.



JUNE 17TH, 2020 is the last day to Donate through "Pick. Click. Give." From the Permanent Fund Dividend. Festival may be a little smaller this Year but we can still use your Support!

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