

# Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

*Awaken Your Inner Artist*

May 2022

## A Note From the Director:

It is with great pleasure and relief that I get to announce that **Registration for FSAF 2022 is now open!** The past seven months of planning have been filled with uncertainty and speculation as we tried to figure out who could attend, what our protocols would be and what the world would look like as we transitioned from Covid.

What we found is that everyone had their own process and their own timeline and nothing could be rushed. Some artists and genres could not be here this summer and are eager to return next year. Some artists and genres were happy to jump in and join us. FLOT is partnering with FSAF this year to offer some special workshops that develop both stagecraft and behind-the-scenes skills to put on a great show. Lyndsi Harris, our 2022 cover artist, is joining us for the first time and teaching birch bark embroidery and crafting. There are new musicians and new guest chefs and lots of familiar faces returning for another season of learning and laughter.

We also have a little bit of the familiar and a little bit of the new come together in this year's Festival Chorus. Byron McGilvray returns to lead our group of singers, the twist is that they will meet during the two weeks of July before Festival begins so that they can give their performance on July 17<sup>th</sup>, Festival's opening day. What better way to kick off FSAF's 42<sup>nd</sup> season than by joining us at Pioneer Park for an opportunity to hear incredible music and honor Mr. McGilvray's investments in the Festival by inducting him into our Hall of Fame?

FSAF 2022 catalogs are in the mail and located around Fairbanks. I encourage you to pick one up or go over to our website at [www.fsaf.org](http://www.fsaf.org). Take a look through the 132 workshops that we are offering. Find something that you love. Find something that intrigues you. Find something new that you have always wanted to try. Find something that you can bring a friend with you. I was working on a grant the other day and came across a phrase that summed up the Festival for me: Life is better with the Arts; the Arts are better in Community. FSAF is a chance to not only develop yourself, but also to develop relationships with others who share the same passions and speak the same artistic language. There is great value in that.

FSAF 2022 Registration is open. Come and see what we have for you.

James

### Guest Artist Spotlight- Lyndsi Harris



Developing an art practice was a natural path for Lyndsi after spending so much time outdoors studying nature. She is always in awe of what she sees around her and has used art as a way to capture some of the beauty that surrounds us every day. She creates these pieces so that others can be drawn into the details that are so often missed. Every piece tells a story of place through the landmarks that call to us or the creatures that call it home. She uses art to teach, to highlight the beauty of our land, and to bring joy. Through these pieces, she hopes that she can inspire others to protect this unique and special world.

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