

# Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

*Awaken Your Inner Artist*

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## Director's Note



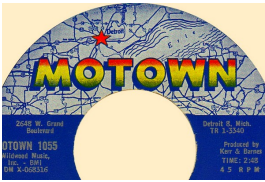
Happy New Year!

I know it seems odd to be celebrating 2020 now, but FSAF's fiscal year began October 1<sup>st</sup>. We have wrapped up our 2019 season and all eyes now turn towards what we will be doing in 2020. Coordinators are being consulted. Guest Artists are being contacted. Venues are being reserved and schedules are being drafted. It may seem early, but we will need every one of the eight months coming up in order to pull off our 40<sup>th</sup> Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, feel free to get in touch with me here at the FSAF offices. If you are interested in volunteering or have connections that could get us airline tickets, housing or vehicles...definitely feel free to get in touch with me here at the FSAF offices. It is the support and passion of this community that allows the Festival to be successful and sustainable. Thanks for your partnership.

James

## What's Next?



The 2019 Festival is finished and we've closed out the fiscal year. It was another success! So many people think summer festival is all we do. Not true! We are planning, booking trips and lodging, scheduling concert venues and hammering the details out for Winter Festival February 17th– 23rd, 2020. The winter festival is a smaller but equally amazing festival which will consist of a Motown Show, Gospel Choir performance, and possibly more. As details get confirmed we will announce more

on our website and Facebook page. You will not want to miss out on all the fun. Currently we are seeking sponsors for the Winter Festival. If you would like to know more about sponsoring a part of the festival, reach out to Poppy Floto at poppyfloto@fsaf.org or email info@fsaf.org and we can talk to you about becoming a sponsor.

## Artist Spotlight



Meet Eustace Johnson. Eustace Johnson is currently the Minister of music at the Baptist House of Prayer and the Morningside Pentecostal Church in Harlem, New York City. He is also the Music Director of the Bobby Lewis Ensemble. Eustace has played in every major concert hall in New York City and continues to perform as a pianist, keyboardist and organist, accompanying many soloists and vocal groups around the tri-state area and abroad. He spends much of his time in private piano instruction, composing, arranging and producing. In addition to the many recordings Eustace has performed, produced and arranged three solo CD projects entitled "Hymns I Love To Play Vol. I" and "Hymns I Love To Play Vol. II" and "The Christmas Collection Vol. 1". Eustace has appeared on many television spots including the Regis & Kelly show and worked with Stevie Wonder, Barbara Streisand, Chuck Berry, Pete Seeger, Peter Yaro (of Peter, Paul & Mary), Colonel Abrams, Odetta, Richard Smallwood, Tramaine Hawkins, Andrae Crouch and a host of others.

Eustace will be here in February as a key part of our Winter Festival. We look forward to welcoming him back.



## Where does my donation go?

We all know the value of a dollar and no one knows it better than a non-profit. Your donations matter to us. A different stages of the year, the focus of our spending varies from paying operational fees, booking venues, car rentals, and more. We want you to know where your donations go. This month the focus of our spending is on travel. We are busy getting plane tickets for our guest artists who will be here in February for the Winter Festival. We are always looking for donations of airline miles, car use, lodging and of course, monetary donations. You can give in a few ways.

- ◆ Pick, Click, Give with your PFD.
- ◆ Visit [www.fsaf.org](http://www.fsaf.org) and click "SUPPORT", choose how you would like to give.
- ◆ Contact James Menaker (Director) and talk about giving options.
- ◆ Email [info@fsaf.org](mailto:info@fsaf.org) and let us know you want someone to contact you.
- ◆ OR, get creative. In-kind donations, special fundraisers, have a bake sale, you do what you do. You can offer lodging for guest artists, auto use during festivals, etc, Thanks for supporting FSAF! You help us Awaken The Inner Artists!

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