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**January 2022**  
**Newsletter**  
**47th Annual**  
**Alaska Folk Festival**  
**April 4-10, 2022**

**Performer Applications Open!**  
**Apply by 5pm on February 25th**

**We know you're as excited as we are for this year's festival, so here are the many different ways you can apply to be a part of the festivities:**

1. Apply directly on our website by filling out an online form. Simple, fast, and saves trees.
2. Download our applications as PDFs from the website, print, fill it in, and mail it back to us.
3. Contact us by mail, phone, or email ([info@akfolkfest.org](mailto:info@akfolkfest.org)) and request that we mail you a paper application form. We're happy to do so! Fill it out, and mail it back.

**All performance applications are due by February 25th, 5pm.** Workshop applications may be accepted past that deadline, but to give yourself the best chance at receiving a spot, the earlier you send it, the better.

When using the web form to apply, your submitted information will be immediately entered into our database and a confirmation email will be sent back to you with a PDF copy of your completed form. This is for your records only. You cannot make changes after you submit the form, so prepare your entries carefully ahead of time.

You are **REQUIRED** to submit a description. Every year some disappointed musicians discover that they waited too long to apply. Don't let this be you. The **DEADLINE** is February 25th at 5pm - in our hands, not just postmarked.

We will review all applications the week after the deadline, and at that time we put together a preliminary schedule. Once that schedule is finalized, the draft is sent out to all applicants via email. This schedule is your confirmation that you have received a slot. If you have any questions concerning this process, feel free to email us at: [info@akfolkfest.org](mailto:info@akfolkfest.org)

# Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/ MasterCard ONLY

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Member (\$25- \$49)

\_\_\_\_ Pay As You Can Any Amount

Please do not list my name in the program

All members receive AFF newsletters and are invited to the AFF Annual Meeting in April. Benefactors, Patrons and Friends will be listed in the future festival program. Please mail form to: Alaska Folk Festival, PO Box 21748, Juneau, AK 99802.

Donations are tax deductible according to law. (EIN: #92-0098258).

## Letter from the President

Hello AFF Members and Friends!

Here we are at the halfway point of January – that wonderful time when we get to send out the announcement that **performer (and volunteer!) applications are open**. We're so excited to be having an in-person festival after being unable to for the past two years. And, while we can't wait to see everyone together again in April, this year will certainly be a bit different than our 'normal' festival format.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still looming, we have to adjust the way we hold the festival this year. Most notably, **everybody attending the festival must provide proof of full vaccination\* for COVID-19** by the start of the festival. This includes all **attendees, performers, and volunteers**. This measure must be taken to ensure that we are holding the event as safely as possible and to comply with the City & Borough of Juneau's policies regarding holding an indoor event of this size. We realize that this means some of you will not be able to attend the event in-person. Thankfully, for those who can't be here in person this year, our friends and long-time partners at the K3 group of radio stations will be live broadcasting all of the performances on KRNN 102.7 and the video will be streamed live at [www.KTOO.org](http://www.KTOO.org).

Another big change is that we will not be having dances this year in the JACC. As much as we want to get back to normal ASAP, we need to make sure that we hold the event as safely as we possibly can, and we don't believe that holding crowded dances in the JACC will meet that goal.

A huge thanks to all of our members who have reached out to express their excitement and support for our return to an in-person event this year. It means so much to hear from you in these times that are far from ideal. We all want to get right back to AFF-as-usual and we are hoping that 2023 will bring that. In the meantime, we can't wait to see and hear all of you here in Juneau in April. Thanks again for your continued support.

Andrew Heist  
President

\*AFF is following guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control. The definition of "Fully Vaccinated" will be determined by the CDC definition at the time of the festival.

# Volunteers Make Our Festival Happen

**Visit [akfolkfest.org](http://akfolkfest.org) to volunteer for this year's festival. We need you!**

If you love this amazing week of musical entertainment on stage or on the dance floor, please consider signing up as a volunteer. It's what keeps the cost of the festival low enough that we can still offer it free of charge!

Volunteer jobs usually last for half a night, so you can still attend the festival the other half of the night. If you are new to volunteering, we host a workshop that Sunday before the festival starts to introduce you to the various volunteer options. And, of course, you can sign up for more than one time during the week.

Take your pick: sell merchandise and take memberships, work on the sound monitors, or set up equipment on the main stage. Be a part of what makes Alaska Folk Festival the best week of the year in Juneau!



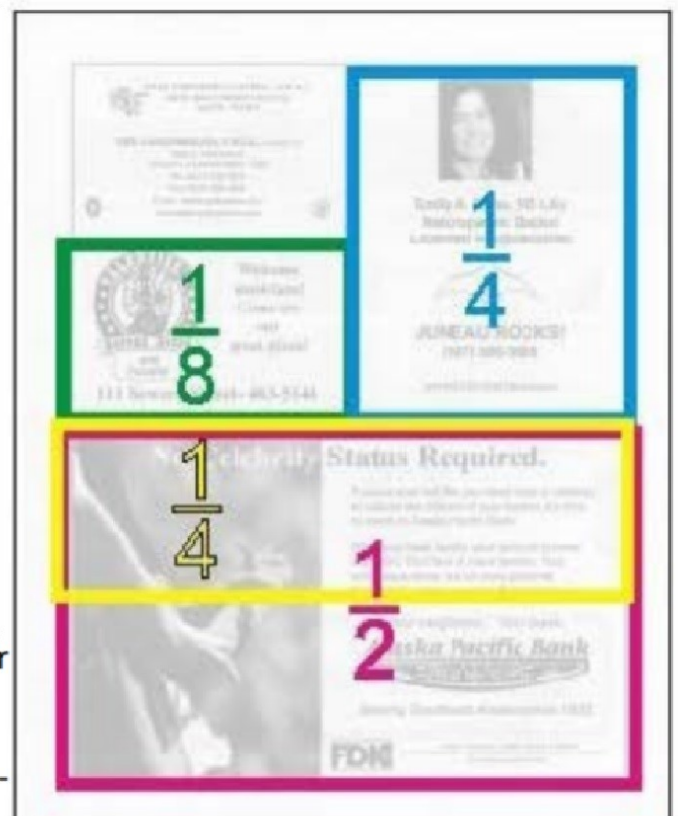
## Advertise in the Alaska Folk Festival Program!

**Want to show your support for the Festival AND get your business or event in front of thousands of Alaskans? Reserve your advertising space in this year's program. The deadline to place an ad is March 5, 2022.**

Size	Measurement (Height x Width) Resolution @ 300dpi	Price
Full Page	7 1/2" x 6" (2250 x 1800px)	\$600
Half Page	3 3/4" x 6" (1125 x 1800px)	\$300
Quarter Page—Tall	3 3/4" x 3" (1125 x 900px)	\$150
Quarter Page—Wide	1 7/8" x 6" (562 x 1800px)	\$150
One-Eighth Page	1 7/8" x 3" (562 x 900px)	\$75

Please submit your high resolution ad (300 dpi or larger) as a TIFF or PDF to: [AdArt@AKFolkFest.org](mailto:AdArt@AKFolkFest.org)

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact [Ads@AKFolkFest.org](mailto:Ads@AKFolkFest.org)



# 2022 Poster Artists: Meghan Chambers, Lauralye Miko & Rachelle Bonnett — Honoring Nature & Music

Meghan Chambers, Lauralye Miko, and Rachelle Bonnett are excited to bring together their love of visual arts and appreciation for Juneau’s beautiful environment to create the artwork for Folk Fest 2022.

Meghan is a former biologist-turned-artist, and co-owns a small business called Salt Water Press, celebrating juxtapositions with vintage printing techniques, science and art.

Laura is a visual artist who moved from Chicago to Juneau in 2003, and has worked on multiple community-based projects, such as Project Playground, the Whale Project, and Wearable Art.

Rachelle is an artist and arts administrator who loves spending time outside with her dog and her field sketching kit.

“When we began this endeavor in 2019, the world was a different place. The pandemic had not yet begun in the United States, and life was cruising along at its prior speed. We knew from the very beginning of our brainstorming sessions that we wanted to honor the unique spiritual connection felt to both nature and music, but we had truly no idea just how important those connections would be in the coming months. None of us are actively religious, but we all find solace in nature - the unique experience of witnessing the ethereal beauty of our dynamic rocky shores, or golden hour among the pine trees on a trail. Music, similarly, has the singular ability to translate a diverse range of human emotions into a powerful shared experience. Over the past two years, both our time outdoors and enjoying music have been saving graces, so we knew it was more important than ever to articulate this in our artwork. We found inspiration with stained glass and art nouveau themes, reflected in our design aesthetic. Gustav Klimt, one of the most famous artists of the Art Nouveau era, said “Art is a line around your thoughts.” But for us, it is more than a line around, it is a line between, through, and among - allowing us to remain connected during the most isolating experience of our lives. Music has a way of bringing together people despite geographical and social barriers. Visual art can spark conversations and shared experiences the same way. It is, arguably, the most important time to share stories and build community, whether it’s online, in-person, or this unusual mix we have become so good at creating. So enjoy the music, the artwork, and your community! We are honored to be part of your experience “



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# A Note From the Treasurer

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Alaska Folk Festival by renewing your membership or becoming a new member and thank you to every Pick.Click.Give-er, Amazon Smile donator, Merch purchaser, or volunteer for your contributions. Regardless of how you choose to support, we are grateful for every donation we receive and we can't do it without your support! We're happy to report that, even with the added challenges of hosting the first-ever virtual Alaska Folk Fest, we financially broke even but we need additional support to continue to offer the quality experience expected at Folk Fest.

There are many ways to support the Alaska Folk Festival:

- Complete and send in the Membership Form above with your donation information. -
- Go to [akfolkfest.org](http://akfolkfest.org) to renew your membership online or renew it at the festival merchandise table.
- Donate a portion of your PFD to Alaska Folk Festival through the Pick.Click.Give. program.
- Add the Alaska Folk Festival to your Amazon Smile account. (do we still do this) ?
- Become an Alaska Folk Festival volunteer and sign-up at the [akfolkfest.org](http://akfolkfest.org) website.
- Purchase Alaska Folk Festival merchandise during the festival.
- Purchase ad space in the festival program. If you are interested and have not purchased ad space before, email us at [treasurer@akfolkfest.org](mailto:treasurer@akfolkfest.org) for more information.

Over the next few years we are going to set new fundraising goals to build up our financial reserves and bring a special guest artist to our 50th annual festival in 2025. If you are interested in being a part of this work, please come to one of our board meetings and share your fundraising ideas. Additionally, **AFF now has a Legacy Fund set up with the Juneau Community Foundation** as a way to include AFF in your estate planning.

**Thank you to the hundreds of dedicated supporters who make this event possible!**



Photo: Brian Wallace



Photo: Steve Winker

## Share Your Knowledge: Lead a Workshop

Weekend workshops are a fantastic part of the Alaska Folk Festival. Over the years, we have had music theory workshops, demonstrations of taking apart and maintaining autoharps or uilleann pipes, dancing, stagecraft, ukulele, rounds as well as countless singing, guitar, fiddle, banjo and mandolin workshop sessions. The Guest Artists lead workshops and there are also many sessions led by volunteers. We try to cover popular instruments (fiddle, guitar, banjo, voice) and styles (flatpicking, Irish). Thankfully, we have many regulars who offer to lead most years, but there's room for more. If you have knowledge to share, please let us know how you can help. We schedule workshops (usually 90 minutes each) on Saturday and Sunday. The idea is to encourage non-professional performers. People come to find out more about an instrument, learn a new skill, or to hear some tunes or stories. We need volunteers to start the ball rolling, present information, and encourage learning. Leading a workshop is a GREAT way to participate in AFF!

## Annual Membership Meeting & Election

Our annual membership meeting will be held at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center (JACC), across the parking lot from Centennial Hall, at:

**Friday, April 18th at 5pm, 2022.**

Open to all current AFF members, this is your chance to contribute to the future of the festival by voting on board members and sharing your thoughts on the festival with the board.

**Free food and drinks will be provided.**

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