

# Alaska Folk Festival

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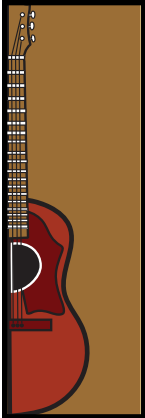
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May 2022

# Monthly Newsletter



## Thank You, Volunteers!

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# Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

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

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## Newsletter - we're going green!

Unless you specifically request it, we'll email all future newsletters to you!

- EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRINT (send to mailing address)

Please select your membership level and write your desired donation amount.

- BENEFACTOR (\$500+) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 PATRON (\$150 - \$499) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 FRIEND (\$50 - \$149) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBER (\$25 - \$49) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 PAY AS YOU CAN \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List me in the program as:

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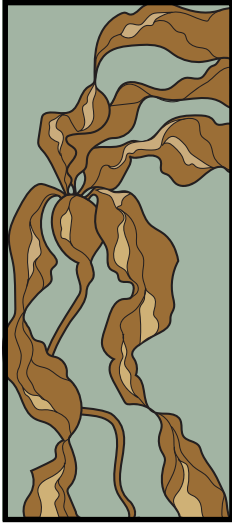
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**CHEERS TO A  
SUCCESSFUL 2022  
FESTIVAL!**

Thank you to all who made the 47th Annual Alaska Folk Festival successful! Our volunteers donated their talents and time to keep our festival fantastic and free!

Save  
the Date

48th Annual Festival  
April 10 - 16, 2023  
Juneau, Alaska



# A Letter from the President

## We did it!!

Thanks to the hard work of dozens of volunteers and our dedicated board members along with the gracious understanding and tremendous support from our members and attendees, we reunited for a much needed in-person Alaska Folk Festival. The event was a huge success and it's completely due to the amazing community that surrounds our beloved Festival - Thank You!

Our Guest Artist Jake Blount, along with his exceptional band members, put on two unforgettable main stage sets, gave four great workshops and also managed to get out and about to meet and play music with many members of the Alaska music community. The main stage was again filled with musicians of all stripes sharing their 15 minutes of music with everyone. The poster art and backdrop were a huge hit and we had a great year of sales at the merchandise and membership store. And this year was also the first in-person festival where the AFF Legacy Fund was up and running. We got great responses from some of our members interested in including AFF in their estate planning. Additionally, after our post-festival financial review, the board was able to move another significant amount of money into the Legacy Fund – a move that will go a long way to ensuring that AFF is strong and healthy for another 50 years, and beyond.

Looking ahead, we are again met with a year of unique challenges. The long-anticipated remodel of Centennial Hall is scheduled to begin in December, 2022 meaning that the 48th AFF will need to find a new home in April, 2023. As has been the case since 2020, our all-volunteer board has committed to foregoing their typical summer hiatus to continue working year-round to craft a plan to hold a festival in a different venue. Planning is still very much underway as we explore all possible options and we will keep all of you informed as things progress. Rest assured – we will be back with another great in-person Festival (with Dances!!!) in 2023, no matter what it takes!

It's an honor to be a part of this AFF community. Seeing everybody come together in April to reunite, celebrate and share their music was a much needed tonic after two very difficult years apart. Thank you for your continued support – we'll see you in 2023!

**Andrew Heist**  
President

# Happy Trails, Welcome On Board!

## Thank you to Ian Putnum, Chrissy McNally & Devin Tatro

A huge thanks to the three AFF board members who ended their service this year. **Ian Putnam** served for six years, filling Treasurer, Vice-President, and President positions. Among many accomplishments, he took the lead on bringing several great Guest Artists to the festival. **Chrissy McNally** served for three years and took lead on the merchandise and membership portion of the festival helping us have some of the most successful and best organized years with merchandise. **Devin Tatro** served for two years and filled a variety of roles including producing our newsletter and organizing our annual meeting.



### Welcome Meghan Chambers

Meghan is a born and raised Southeast Alaskan, growing up in both rural and urban areas across our region. A long-time music lover, she worked in the non-profit field for many years and pursued a graduate certificate in arts & culture strategy. She's thrilled to be part of Juneau's biggest and longest-running grassroots music festival, and welcomes the creative solutions and new partnerships that come from every jam session and performance of Folk Festival week. When she's not volunteering on the board, you can find her running an art business, pouring beers at the brewery in Auke Bay, beach combing with her family, or experimenting in her kitchen. She's honored to be part of a wonderful group of board members and looks forward to this opportunity to serve her community.



### Welcome Jack Fontanella

Jack has missed only one Folk Fest since his first in 1978, and was on the board for one term in the late 90's. After raising a child and retiring from teaching first grade and kindergarten for 20 years, he at last has the time to dedicate to the board so that he may once again contribute to an organization that has provided him many wonderful times over the years. He is excited about working with the many dedicated and thoughtful people that are currently on the board. He is looking forward to this opportunity to serve his community!



### Welcome Josh Fortenbery

Josh Fortenbery moved to Juneau in April 2017 the week after Folk Fest, barely missing the best week of the year but hearing all about it. He has participated in every festival since as a performer, volunteer, audience member, and enthusiastic but uncoordinated dancer. When he isn't playing music, listening to music, or thinking about music, he likes to spend time on the trails with his dogs.



## Snapshots of Festival 47

Left: Hannah Read and Big Chimney Barn Dance perform on Friday night. Bottom, left to right: Guest Artist Jake Blount performs on Thursday evening. Cello pudding performs on Sunday afternoon. Henri June Bynx of Lavendula performs on Tuesday night. All photos courtesy Reber Stein.



## Board of Directors

- President** Andrew Heist (exp. 2024)
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- Treasurer** Dylan Proudfoot (exp. 2025)
- Secretary** Hiram Henry (exp. 2024)
- Board Member** Sheli DeLaney (exp. 2023)
- Board Member** Josh Fortenbery (exp. 2023)
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# About the Alaska Folk Festival

## One of Alaska's largest longest-running and FREE music festivals!

Founded in 1975 by a group of Juneau folk musicians playing one cold winter evening in the State Museum, the Alaska Folk Festival has been bringing music to Southeast Alaska communities for over forty years. Incorporated in the early 80s, the Folk Festival is organized by a working volunteer Board, and the many helping hands of the greater Juneau community.



### EVENTS & ATTENDANCE

Each year, the Festival is held in early April, spanning one week: Monday to Sunday.

Admission to all events is always free. All are welcome to attend. Each concert has about 15 acts and lasts about 4 hours.

People travel to Juneau from across the region, state, country, and world to attend!

With some variation year-to-year, the general schedule is as follows:

Evening Concerts  
*Monday - Friday*

Annual Meeting  
*Friday evening*

Afternoon Concerts  
*Saturday, Sunday*

Dances  
*Thursday, Friday, Saturday*

Workshops  
*Saturday, Sunday*



### GUEST ARTIST & PERFORMERS

The Festival encourages and supports both non-professional musicians and professional musicians. There are no auditions - anyone can submit an application to perform on the main stage.

Performers are not paid, with one exception - the Guest Artist. One Guest Artist is selected by the Folk Festival Board each year.

Selection for a 15-minute mainstage performance is mostly by availability and chance. Performer applications open in January the year of the Festival. Website registrations are encouraged, paper are available as well.



### VOLUNTEERING

The Festival is COMPLETELY supported by donations and volunteers like you! Become a member today (p2).

Volunteer applications open in January. Volunteer positions range widely in task, duration, and recur throughout the week. Example volunteer positions, in no particular order, include:

- Door greeter
- Merchandise sales
- Membership table
- Stage crew
- Stage manager
- Emcee
- Workshop assistance
- Annual meeting assistance

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