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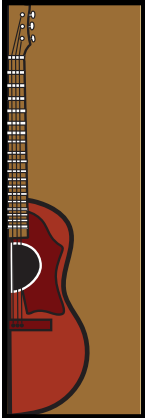
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The Alaska Folk Festival is made possible purely from the incredible and immense volunteer effort that supports this week-long celebration of music in Juneau. Without volunteers, the Festival simply would not be. The Board humbly thanks and acknowledges the talent, effort, and time put in by our community members from near and far. If we accidentally omitted your name, sincere apologies - spreadsheets never capture full participation, nor the infectious community spirit propelling us forward every year!

Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

We encourage all members to use our NEW online membership portal:

www.akfolkfest.org/shop/membership

NAME _____
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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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49 Summer
2023

Monthly Newsletter

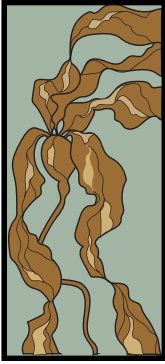


CHEERS TO A SUCCESSFUL 2023 FESTIVAL!

Thank you to all who made the 48th Annual Alaska Folk Festival successful, despite some real curve balls (volcano, anyone?). We're already planning 2024!

Save
the Date

49th Annual Festival
April 08 - 14, 2024
Juneau, Alaska



A Letter from the President

A Festival to Remember

In what has proven to be a several year streak of not-quite-the-usual AFFs, this year certainly continued the trend. Centennial Hall renovations have been on the horizon for years, and while nobody was terribly excited about figuring out how to have our event in an alternate venue, the auditorium at Juneau-Douglas High School Yadaa.at Kalé turned out to be a fantastic stage to showcase the wonderful musicians that make up The Alaska Folk Festival. The staff at both the Juneau Arts & Culture Center and Juneau Community Schools went above and beyond to make sure our event was a success and we can't thank them enough!

In a rather unexpected twist, this year was also made memorable by the eruption of a Russian volcano which threw the travel plans of many attendees – and the Guest Artists – into disarray. Thankfully flights resumed late Friday and most people eventually made it to Juneau, but not before the performance schedule was significantly affected. We took things day by day and did our best to put together great lineups concert by concert. The support and understanding of our performers, volunteers, members and attendees was overwhelming and reminded me, again, why I love this festival so much.

Despite missing their Friday night concert, Lone Piñon hit the ground running and delivered four amazing workshops, a fantastic dance set and finished out the festival with an absolutely stunning main stage concert on Sunday evening. They truly embraced the spirit of AFF and their exceptional performance will be remembered for years to come.

I'm very glad I made it to the merchandise table early in the festival week because the beautiful artwork of Sitka artist Rebecca Poulson made our merchandise very popular this year! A huge thanks to Rebecca and to everyone who supports AFF by purchasing our merchandise.

And, while only in its second full year, the AFF Legacy Fund is doing very well thanks to the very generous support of our members. This year the Fund received a significant donation from the Henry family estate – long time AFF members, volunteers, performers, board members and supporters since the early days. This gift and remembrance is extremely meaningful and will help the Legacy Fund in its purpose to sustain the festival for another 50 years and more. A very heartfelt Thank You to the Henry family.

At the risk of sounding redundant – this Festival never ceases to amaze me. In what was already shaping up to be a challenging year holding the festival in a new venue, a natural event of volcanic proportions made things ever more difficult. Through it all, our unbelievable all-volunteer board members did what needed to be done to keep things on track – while still having a great time! Community members passing on the street shouted messages of encouragement and volunteers and performers took the abrupt schedule changes in stride with ease. This was absolutely a festival to remember – because of the amazing community of people that surround it. A very sincere thank you to all of you.

I can't wait to bring the festival back to our newly remodeled home at Centennial Hall in 2024. See you there!

Andrew Heist

Happy Trails, Welcome On Board!



Thank You, Sheli Delaney

The AFF Board sincerely thanks Sheli Delaney for her years of excellent service! Sheli spent countless hours as our KTOO liaison, pulling double-duty during the Festival working full-time in the KTOO studios helping to manage the live radio feed, as well as volunteering in the Main Hall when she clocked off work. Talk about a multi-tasker! Sheli also assisted with advertising and promotions, merchandise, and program ad management, among other things. One of her lasting contributions is encouragement and resources assisting the Board to begin crafting a land acknowledgment in 2022-2023. Her calm demeanor, positive outlook, and excellent radio voice will be sorely missed! We move forward knowing her and her dog Rio will be frequent attendees in the future!



Thank You, Miguel Rohrbacher

The AFF Board sincerely thanks Miguel Rohrbacher for his years of excellent service! Miguel served as Vice President for XX years, working in a leadership role alongside his fellow officers. Miguel often served as the spearhead for volunteers, stage managers, and emcees as needed depending on the year. Miguel also pitched and was responsible for the 2023 Guest Artists, Lone Piñon - arguably one of the most successful and incredible Guest Artist stays and performances in recent AFF history. Miguel's connections to his heritage in New Mexico folk music and passion to share both tunes and dances are applauded and appreciated by the Board. His easy-going disposition, rolling laugh, and can-do-it attitude will be greatly missed! We can't wait to see him on the stage in 2023!



Welcome, Annie Bartholomew

Annie Bartholomew is an Alaskan songwriter and clawhammer banjo player from Juneau. She was first exposed to traditional music after her mom sent her to Bearfoot Bluegrass Camp for Kids where she learned to play guitar from Kate Hamre and Mike Mickelson. After seeing Perseverance Theatre's production of Hair as an impressionable Juneau teen, Annie convinced her high school buddies to play their first Folk Fest as The Professional Hippies. Annie is the recipient of a Rasmuson Individual Artist Award and Connie Boochever Fellowship for her original music inspired by narratives of women during the Klondike Gold Rush. Her debut album, Sisters of White Chapel, arrived in June and has been featured on NPR Music, No Depression, and the Bluegrass Situation. She is excited to serve on the board of the greatest music festival in the world and give back to an organization that's made her the artist she is today.

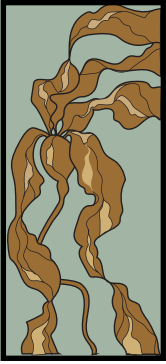
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Online Shop Is Open!

Missed out on the 2023 swag?

Fear not, we've got a handful of things leftover and an easy online store to navigate - plus everything is 20% off (prices already reduced). We offer both Juneau-area pick-ups at the JACC, or can ship to you! We'll close the store shortly, so shop now!

<https://akfolkfest.org/shop/>



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more
online!



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Members, Revisited.

The Alaska Folk Festival regrettably neglected to print the full member list in the 2023 Program, and extends a special apology to anyone with the last name beginning with "M" and beyond!

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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

More info & become a member today: www.akfolkfest.org

Snapshots of Festival 48

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