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5th Annual Wheeling Arts Fest Set For June 20
Former STOMP Cast Member, Iron City Aerial Among Highlights

Wheeling, WV – The City of Wheeling Arts & Cultural Commission presents the 5th annual Wheeling Arts Fest on Saturday, June 20, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The mostly-outdoor festival is centered on the West Virginia Northern Community College (WVNCC) Square and Ohio County Public Library (OCPL), with programs also held at West Virginia Independence Hall as part of West Virginia Day.

Wheeling Arts Fest is proud to recognize WesBanco as a presenting sponsor. Additional sponsors of this City of Wheeling event include WVNCC, Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, Wheeling National Heritage Area Foundation, Wheeling/Ohio County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and United Electric, among others.

Arts Fest is free to attend and open to the public. Throughout the day, a variety of arts and cultural programs are offered, including live music, visual arts, theatre, dance, literature, culinary demonstrations, historical arts, hands-on classes for kids and adults, and much more.

Artist Market

The Artist Market provides a unique art event where attendees can view and purchase the works of more than 20 local and tri-state artists. Watercolors, pleine air, photography, jewelry, monoprinting, pottery, and sculpting are featured.

Main Stage @ 16th Street:

Time	Performer	Genre/Type of Performance
10:00 am	Lo-Fi	Blues and Rock
11:00 am	The Two Bridges	Roots music
12:00 pm	Arts Fest Presentations	Harshman Award, Pierpont Statue unveiling
12:30 pm	Iron City Aerial	Acrobatic Dance
1:00 pm	Elec Simon & Friends	Former STOMP Cast Member; Funk & Jazz
2:00 pm	The Two Bridges	Roots music
3:00 pm	Iron City Aerial	Acrobatic Dance
3:30 pm	Adrian Niles Band	Alternative Blues, Rock & Roll Soul
4:30 pm	Allegro Dance Company	Dance
5:00 pm	Soup Camel	Old Time Blues, Country, Jug band
6:00 pm	Elec Simon & Friends	Former STOMP Cast Member; Funk & Jazz

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WVNCC Auditorium:

10:00 a.m.: Open Mic Poetry
11:00 a.m.: Crazy 8s Improvisation
1:00 p.m.: "I'm A Celebrity" by Kathryn and Barry Miler
2:00 p.m.: La Danza-Bridging Time Through Dance, Anna Harsh

Bizzie Lizzie's Kidz Art

10:00-10:45 a.m.: Kate Marshall, "Pollination Station"
11:00-11:45 a.m.: Brad Fritz, "Be a Bodger for a Day"
12:00-12:45 p.m.: Ellen Culler, "Weaving with Fibers"
1:00-1:45 p.m.: Rick Morgan, "Pottery-Hand Building"
2:00-2:45 p.m.: Brad Fritz, "Be a Bodger for a Day"
3:00-3:45 p.m.: Chris Villamagna, "Creative Collage Animals"
4:00-4:45 p.m.: Valerie Reed, "Upcycled Bike Parts Jewelry"
5:00-5:45 p.m.: Bob Villamagna, "Wearable Assemblage"

Walk Up Art (all day):

- Rachel Shipley, Screenprinting
- Giant white boards for freehand drawing
- Face painting

Art Classes for Adults

10:00-11:30 a.m.: Natalie Zambori/Art Journey, Painted Wine Glasses
12:00-1:30 p.m.: Kate Marshall, Hugelkultur Herb Gardens
2:00-3:30 p.m.: Sandi Ziolkowski, Hammered Copper Jewelry
4:00-5:30 p.m.: Brad Fritz, Wooden Spoon Carving

Culinary Arts

11:00 a.m.: Chef Rocco Basil, Fruit Sculpting
1:00 p.m.: Ryan Butler, Charcuterie
3:00 p.m.: Chef Rocco Basil, Ice Sculpting
5:00 p.m.: Erika Donaghy, Cake Decorating, Sugar Flower Sculpting

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Literature and History

OCPL:

11:00 a.m.: Jessie Janeshek poetry workshop
Dr. Ethel Morgan Smith, WVU, Essayist, Slavery
1:30 p.m.: Cathy Nelson, The Underground Railroad
2:30 p.m.: Soldiers & Sailors 6th Regiment USCT Drum and Fife Corps
3:00 p.m.: Musical performance featuring soloist, Edward Washington II

Spoken Word Tent at WVNCC Square:

11:00 a.m.: Dr. Christina Greer, local author
1:00-3:00 p.m.: Poems While You Wait with Marc Harshman and Jessie Janeshek

Detailed festival information is available via wheelingartsfest.com and facebook.com/WheelingArtsFest.

For more information or to set up an interview, contact Erika Donaghy, Commission Chair, at 304-280-2616.

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About Wheeling Arts Fest: Wheeling Arts Fest is a multidisciplinary festival produced by the City of Wheeling Arts & Cultural Commission and receives funding by grants, sponsorships, and donations from businesses, organizations, and individuals. Now it its fifth year, Wheeling Arts Fest features live music, visual arts, theater, dance, literature, culinary demonstrations, historical arts, and hands-on activities for both adults and children, as well as unique crafts and artwork to purchase.

About the City of Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission: The mission of the Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission is to promote and develop artistic and cultural activities and initiatives that stimulate economic development and advance the quality of life and vibrancy of the greater Wheeling area. The City of Wheeling is a West Virginia Certified Arts Community.