

SFF CAMPS: Programs have limited space for safety

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instruments and materials will be provided.

Students will explore storytelling and self-expression through art, creative writing, and music. Topics to explore include relationships with sound, imagery, emotions and the expression of those relationships through art, music, and storytelling.

Campers will be able to create stories, melodies, songs and poems, and will use colors, forms and words to create art expressions and musical instruments. Each day includes opportunities to immerse into visual arts, music, creative writing, and reflection, as well as fun with the many forms of creative expression through awareness, discovery, and play!

The second week-long camp, "Five Days of Music Imagination," will be held August 17-21 and will explore approaches to music, rhythm, lyric writing, self-expression, and having fun through music and words.

Led by teaching musicians Natalie Akers and Jenner Fox, the camp will be a week-long music and song-writing intensive.

Fox says, "Five creative days of making music together: writing, jamming, and listening on our journey to ignite the inner musician in all of us and becoming a listening musician, and ideally perform original music. This is a collaborative and inclusive environment, and we believe listening and playing music together are powerful tools for battling isolation, gaining

strength in our imaginations, and building a sense of self."

This camp has a limit of 10 students and all instruments and materials will be provided. All levels of experience are welcome.

Jenner Fox and Natalie Akers recently moved to Sisters to pursue music and educational opportunities. Fox is a singer-songwriter, international river guide and the co-founder of the Cassiopeia Academy for Music Performance and Songwriting in Washington, DC.

Akers is a piano/keyboard player and educator. She has worked with camps since 2016 to bring interdisciplinary and music programs to life for middle and high school students throughout the US and Japan, and has a B.A in American Studies from Yale University.

Sisters Folk Festival has designed these camps to adhere to COVID-19 public health guidance and other industry best practices, including physical distancing, hand-washing and sanitizing stations, and mask wearing as necessary in a socially-distanced outdoor environment.

Under the current Phase 2 reopening guidelines in Oregon, the entire camp gathering is limited to 20 participants, with two instructors each teaching to a group of 10 students. The second camp will have a 10-student limit. Lunch will be provided as part of registration unless the camper opts out.

Registration is open to students ages 10 to 14. Financial assistance is available. Information and registration can be found at www.sistersfolkfestival.org. All levels of music and art experience are welcome.

Ore. AG appeals federal judge's order

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's attorney general announced Wednesday she is fighting a federal judge's order for Oregon to give more leeway to a group that seeks to change how the state carves up its electoral districts.

U.S. District Judge Michael McShane said in his order Monday that the coronavirus pandemic and Gov. Kate Brown's shutdown orders prevented the group, People Not Politicians, from obtaining the required number of signatures by a July 2 deadline to put the issue on the ballot for the November election.

McShane was ruling on a lawsuit filed by People Not Politicians against Oregon Secretary of State Bev Clarno, whose office runs Oregon's elections.

"Plaintiffs, like all Oregon citizens, were told to stay home and physically distance from others," McShane wrote in his opinion. "By continuing

to require Plaintiffs to meet a strict threshold and deadline in the middle of a pandemic, Plaintiffs' circulators were prevented from engaging in one-on-one communication with Oregon voters."

The group had said it collected around 64,000 unverified signatures, when it needed to submit almost 150,000 by the deadline to put the proposed change to Oregon voters.

Currently, the Legislature is responsible for redrawing district lines. People Not Politicians wants an independent citizen redistricting commission to do it instead, and seeks to have voters approve an amendment to the state Constitution that would allow that.

The group claims a diverse number of supporters, including the Oregon Farm Bureau, the League of Women Voters of Oregon, and the NAACP Eugene-Springfield Branch.

McShane offered two remedies to Clarno: allow the proposal on the ballot, or reduce the signature


threshold by 50 percent — which would equal 58,789 signatures — and push back the deadline to August 17.

Clarno on Tuesday night announced she was choosing the second option.

"Secretary Clarno is not requesting an appeal to the ruling at this time," her office said in a statement.

But on Wednesday, the Oregon Department of Justice asked the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals for an emergency stay of McShane's order, saying it "requires the state to violate the provisions of the Oregon Constitution regarding constitutional amendments."

"Whether a federal judge can rewrite the state constitution's procedures for constitutional amendments is a question that goes to the heart of the state's power to create its own laws," Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said. "Any final decision made in this case could have long reaching impacts for the state and on future ballot initiatives."




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