

Campus Arts Faire debuts Saturday

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The University will showcase a wide variety of arts programs in the first ever Campus Arts Faire to be held Saturday.

"The Eugene-Springfield community and alumni aren't aware of how professional and exciting the arts community is here," said Jeffrey Knoche, assistant director for community outreach and the coordinator of the Campus Arts Faire.

The University campus will offer everything artistic from swing dancing to poetry from noon to 5 p.m.

"We want to familiarize people with the interdisciplinary nature of art," Knoche said.

In addition to having arts on display, the Campus Arts Faire will offer a variety of opportunities for people to get their hands on art. Participants can help create a community chalk mural, make rain sticks, experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony or learn how to play a recorder, Knoche said.

University students are encouraged to participate as well, Knoche said.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the internal campus community to take a sample of what is available," she said. It will

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give students ideas of things they can do next year, she said.

The idea to have a day to open up the University arts programs to the community was a long time coming, said Anne Dhu McLucas, dean of the School of Music since 1992.

"I have been promoting it with various arts groups," McLucas said. "The arts deserve a hearing in a visible way, the way sports do."

She said she hopes the event will be an "arts homecoming," with large numbers of alumni coming to campus and interacting with the student artists.

Information and maps will be available on the lawn by the Pioneer Mother statue near the corner of Johnson Lane and University Street, Knoche said.

The Museum of Art will hold a large number of activities. The University's Pacific Rim Gamelan Gong Orchestra, a traditional Balinese percussion group,

will perform seven or eight new pieces throughout the afternoon on the lawn in front of the museum.

Candidates for the Master of Fine Arts degrees in creative writing will read examples of their work, she said.

Two theatrical performances at Villard Hall by University thespians will cap off the afternoon.

A student collective will perform "Brown Bag Lunch" in the Pocket Playhouse at 5:00 p.m. There is a \$1 suggested donation for this performance.

At 8:00 p.m., University Theatre members will perform William Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona." Tickets will cost \$9 for the general public; \$7 for senior citizens, University faculty and staff and non-University students; and \$4.50 for University students, Knoche said.

All of the other events will be free.

Ritta's Burritos and University Catering will have food and beverages available. There will also be picnic tables for people who bring their lunches.

Free parking will be available in University lots around campus; however, meter parking spaces will be enforced.

The event, which organizers hope will be held annually, was organized through a group effort of many University arts departments, Knoche said.

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