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an inside look at the local arts and entertainment scene



Festival of Arts takes over Joseph

By Lisa Britton

JOSEPH — You may encounter artists in unlikely places this week as the 37th annual Wallowa Valley Festival of Arts takes over downtown Joseph.

The festival begins with the En Plein Air Competition, which commenced Sept. 10 and will culminate Sept. 12 with a special reception and art hanging.

"We'll have artists out painting in the open air all over the place," said Jeff Costello, festival director.

The free reception for the En Plein Air pieces is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Wallowology.

The fine art portion of the festival begins with Friday's opening reception, which provides a chance to visit with artists — nearly 70 are coming for the festival — and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, music and a silent auction at the Josephy Center.

Advance tickets are \$20 and available at the Josephy Center,

Beecrowbee or www.josephy.org/wallowa-valley-festival-of-arts-opening-reception/. Tickets at the door will be \$25.

This year's judge is Bonnie Laing-Malcomson.

Saturday brings free art exhibits, music and demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Josephy Center and Wallowology.

Also on Saturday, the Quick Draw Challenge runs from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Mt. Joseph Lodge. Artists have 90 minutes to complete a painting from blank canvas to framed and ready to sell.

"It's a fast, raucous event," Costello said.

A silent auction accompanies the Quick Draw, giving art lovers a chance to take home a piece of art created before their eyes.

Sunday is the festival's final day with art exhibits from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Josephy Center and Wallowology. The silent auction closes at 1:30 p.m.



This week's Festival of Arts in Joseph features a fine art show, En Plein Air Competition, Quick Draw Challenge, silent auction and classical music concert, plus live music and free art exhibits.

LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

Friday features a Jezebel's Mother concert from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Josephy Center.

The line-up for Saturday is John Raines, Rich Shirley and Carolyn Lochert from noon to 1:30 p.m.; Homemade Jam (at the Mt. Joseph Lodge gazebo), 2 p.m.; Nicole

Freshley and Landra Skovlin, 4 p.m.; and Larry Haney, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

CLASSICAL CONCERT

This year's festival concludes with a concert, the Summer Arts Classic, at 7 p.m. at the Josephy Center. The classical musicians will

form various ensembles. Performing will be Gail Swart and Andrew Marchlewsky, piano; Rebecca Lenahan, Lisa Robertson, Elizabeth Powers and Emily Knudsen, violin; Lana Rose, viola; Lauren Guthridge, oboe; and Zachary Banks, cello. Admission for the concert is \$10, free for age 18 and younger.

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