

Cannon Beach's Stormy Weather Arts Festival turns 30

CANNON BEACH — The Stormy Weather Arts Festival, one of the Cannon Beach's most popular events for more than a quarter century, will celebrate its 30th anniversary Friday through Sunday, Nov. 3 to 5.

Since its inception, the first weekend in November has been a celebration of the arts in Cannon Beach, where you can immerse yourself in the creative culture that has long been a part of this community.

The event focuses on a wide range of visual and performing arts, offering the opportunity to meet artists and discuss their work, listen to local musicians, take in gallery events and experience why Cannon Beach has been recognized as one of "The 100 Best Art Towns in America."

In recent years, the event has grown to include a spotlight concert showcasing accomplished and up-and-coming musicians in the intimate setting of Cannon Beach's Coaster Theatre Playhouse; the Dancing in the Rain Fashion Show, featuring apparel and accessories from local and national designers; and Brews, Blues & Barbecues, where guests can sample local beers while enjoying live blues and a barbecue lunch.

The festival kicks off with Friday night's Stormy Weather Arts Benefit Cocktail & Dessert Party, where guests interact with professional jewelry artists and check out their work. The evening also includes a silent auction and raffle featuring Northwest travel packages. The auction and raffle will benefit children's art programs in Cannon Beach, including the Coaster Theatre's Coaster Kidz Theatre Camp, the Cannon Beach Arts Association's children's Summer Art Camp, and the Sea Ranch



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Husband-and-wife glassblowing team Suzanne Kindland and Jim Kingwell create a "nature-inspired" vase at Icefire Glassworks in 2013.

Children's Summer Music Camp.

The festival weekend is filled with art gallery events, receptions and guest artists.

On Friday evening and all day Saturday, visitors can wander from gallery to gallery, enjoying receptions and artist demonstrations, and catch free live music performances with regional musicians at indoor and outdoor venues throughout town.

This year, the foot-stomping Americana rock band Heels to the Hardwood will be featured at Saturday evening's spotlight concert in the 200-seat Coaster Theatre.

Cannon Beach is home to more than a dozen art galleries and has been named one of "The 100 Best Art Towns in America" by author John Villani in his book of the same title.

Many of the galleries' most successful national and regional artists, as well as prominent local artists, will be showcased during the festival.

For information and tickets, call the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce at 503-436-2623.

Schedule of events

Friday, Nov. 3

• 7:30 to 10 p.m. Stormy Weather Arts Benefit Cocktail & Dessert Party

Interact with professional jewelry artists who discuss their techniques while their works are being modeled. Sample a custom cocktail, created specifically for the event by Cannon Beach Distillery, and a local craft beer also made especially for the event, alongside sparkling wine and a dessert buffet that features sweets from local bakeries and chocolatiers. The celebration will also include live music and a raffle and silent auction with vacation packages.

Cost: \$35. Location: Cannon Beach Community Hall

Saturday, Nov. 4

• 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Music Around Town

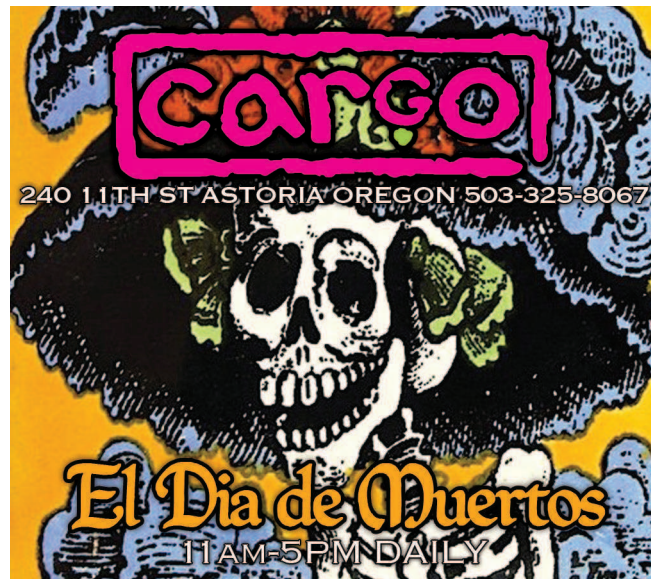
Enjoy live performances by regional musicians at five different locations.

Cost: free/donations

Locations: The Landing, Sandpiper Square, Coaster Theatre Courtyard, Ecola Square, Haystack Square

• 10 a.m. (doors open at 9:40 a.m.) Dancing in the Rain Fashion Show

Pick out a new outfit at this runway show featuring apparel and accessories from local and national designers



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available in Cannon Beach shops.

Cost: Free, or \$5 guaranteed seating donation.

Location: Coaster Theatre Playhouse

• 8 to 10 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Spotlight Concert: Heels to the Hardwood

The Seattle Americana band brings their foot-stomping sound to Cannon Beach.

Cost: \$30. Location: Coaster Theatre Playhouse

Sunday, Nov. 5

• 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brews, Blues & Barbecues

Sample local craft brews, including one created espe-

cially for the festival, enjoy live Delta Blues from Steve Cheseborough and savor a delicious barbecue lunch from a local chef.

Cost: \$25. Location: Cannon Beach Community Hall

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