

# ART IN A STORM

Cannon Beach's Stormy Weather Arts Festival celebrates 30th anniversary Nov. 3 through 5

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**T**here was something special about Cannon Beach in the late 1980s.

A group of artists, including Jeffrey Hull, Joyce Lincoln and Sharon Amber, decided to open their respective galleries. It was also when the Stormy Weather Arts Festival, a citywide event that showcases a wide range of visual and performing arts, was formed.

Now marking its 30th anniversary, the festival will take place Friday through Sunday, Nov. 3 to 5.

The event features musicians, the Dancing in the Rain Fashion Show with local and national designer labels, and an opportunity to meet artists to discuss their creations.

Despite the name's warning of inclement weather, the festival has evolved into one of Cannon Beach's most popular events. This celebration of local artistry helped Cannon Beach get recognized as one of "The 100 Best Art Towns in America" by author John Villani.

Hull recalls the festival's humble beginnings. "I remember asking people in town if they were here for Stormy Weather Arts Festival, and

Artist Erik Abel's poster art for the  
2017 Stormy Weather Arts Festival  
COURTESY CANNON BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ABEL

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