

'Never Land' comes to town during 2nd Star Festival



Come experience creative inspiration and whimsy when the 2nd Star Festival presents its second annual cultural arts celebration honoring creativity in all its forms Aug. 13 and 14. The event will highlight artisans, authors, illustrators, musical performers, storytelling and puppetry. It is an experience for all ages to be mesmerized and immersed in a land of imagination and inspiration. "What an amazing event filled with incredible vendors, wonderful performances and abounding with creative energy," said Brian W. Parker, a visitor to

last year's festival. "I can't wait to bring my family back again this year."

Following a fun, exciting, successful first year at the FEC in 2015, festivities for 2016 will include opportunities for participants to be captivated by many unique areas of creativity meant to inspire and encourage. Artisan booths will offer unique ink stamps for attendees to collect in their "passports" as they wind their way through the indoor Goblin Market, where travelers can meet guest artists Charles Mason and Tayliss Forge from the show, "Steampunk'd." They can also meet Eugene interactive steampunk artist Joe Mross, who will be displaying some of his unique creations.

Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be catered by Florence eatery, Mon Ami Cafe.

Talks from the Flight Deck's stories and musical performances on the theater stage will inspire and encourage all those who find a seat in the audience. Take a step through the gates of The Tesla Field in the outdoor area, where visitors will find mermaids, pirates,



beautiful Siuslaw River.

For more information, visit www.2ndstarfestival.com for complete details, including a list of artisans, sponsors and guest artists.

Tickets will be available by calling the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994 or toll free at 1-888-968-4086. Children ages 12 and under are will be admitted free. Tickets for adults (ages 13 and older) are \$10 a day or \$15 for both days. Concert ticket are \$25. A weekend package including both days and concert is available for \$35 per person.



face painting, demonstrations, workshops, a gaming area, a vardo acoustic music stage, Nymbol's Secret Garden, Fooble the Dragon and a beer garden sponsored by local WildCraft Cider Works.

Come for a fun-filled, inspiring weekend of creative wonder — and don't be afraid to dress up!

Saturday and Sunday, the festival will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for all of the daytime activities. Then, at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday evening, The Nathaniel Johnstone Band will take the main stage, along with the opening act: magician Matt Van Zee.

The festival is within walking distance to Florence's Old Town district, along the



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