

# 2nd Star Fest features land of imagination

FLORENCE — The 2nd Star Festival presents its second annual cultural arts celebration honoring creativity of all forms. “Always Create! Always Encourage! Never Land!” is the motto of the festival, held at the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St., on Aug. 13 and 14.

The event will highlight artisans, authors, illustrators, and performers of music, 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 in creative energy! My family can’t wait to return,” said festival goer Brian W. Parker.

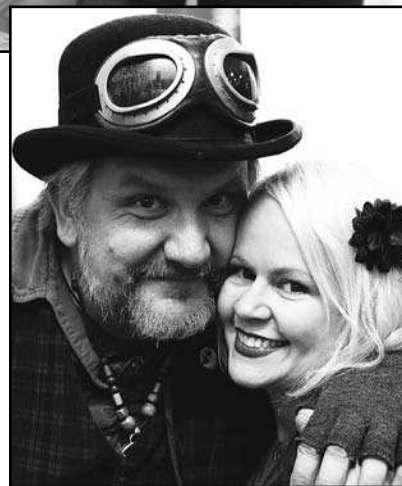
Following a fun, exciting, successful first year in 2015, the festivities for 2016 will include opportunities for participants to be captivated by many unique areas of creativity meant to inspire and encourage.

Artisan booths will offer unique ink stamps for attendees to collect in their



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**Come to the 2nd Star Festival, created by Matt and Kesha Hawk (right), to experience magic, steampunk, fairies, mermaids, activities and more.**



Passports as they wind their way through the indoor Goblin Market, where they can meet guest artists Charles Mason and Tayliss Forge from the show, “Steampunk’d,” along with local Eugene interactive steampunk artists Steve LaRiccia and Joe Mross, who will be dis-

playing some of their unique creations. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available.

“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 our outdoor area, where you will find mermaids, pirates, 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.

Join event creators Matt and Kesha Hawk of the Hawk’s Aerie for a fun-filled, inspiring weekend of creative wonder.

People are encouraged to dress up in any and every manner.

Saturday, Aug. 13, and Sunday, Aug. 14, are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for all of the daytime activities.

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, The Nathaniel Johnstone Band will play, with opening act Magician Matt Van Zee.

All events are within walking distance of Historic Old Town in Florence on the beautiful Oregon coast.

For tickets, call the FEC at 541-997-1994. Children 12 and under are free. Adults are \$10 a day or \$15 for both days.

Tickets for the Nathaniel Johnstone Band concert are \$25. A weekend package is also available and includes festival entry for both days and the concert for \$35 per person.

To learn more about the festivities or to get involved, go to [2ndstarfestival.com](http://2ndstarfestival.com) or email the Hawks at [2ndstarfestival@gmail.com](mailto:2ndstarfestival@gmail.com) for any questions.



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