Celebrate Arts Festival Oklahoma at OCCC
Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 31 – Sept. 2

Oklahoma City – Celebrating 35 years of art, entertainment and festival cuisine, Arts Festival Oklahoma (AFO) at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) is set for Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31 through Sept. 2.

Since 1978, AFO has attracted thousands to the college campus. In the most recent years, an estimated 25,000 festival patrons have enjoyed the visual art beneath the tents, performing artists on the stage and an abundance of food choices from concession row.

Also a popular spot on the AFO grounds, the children’s tent overflows with glitter and glue, ribbon and yarn, paint and brushes – ready for the youngest AFO artist to create their very own masterpiece.

The annual festival is located on the north end of the OCCC campus, S.W. 74th and May Ave. Admission to the festival is free; on-site parking is $5 per vehicle.

The Art

Visual artists from all over the country will offer a diverse collection of work for festival guests including drawings, fine crafts, glass art, jewelry, mixed media, oil/acrylic, watercolor, pastels, photography, pottery, sculpture and wood art. Over 120 art booths will cover the OCCC grounds this year. To see a list of artists attending the 2013 festival, click here: http://www.occc.edu/afo/artist.html

The Entertainment – Daytime Performances – Saturday, Sunday and Monday

AFO on-stage entertainment will be provided by performing groups from around the city and state. Music to please all patrons will include classical, country, Latin, pop and more.

Saturday, Aug. 31

• 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Yumare (Traditional Mexican Folk Dancing)
• 12 to 1 p.m. - Oklahoma Traditional Music (Band)
• 1 to 2 p.m. - The Low Maintenance Band (Classic Rock)
• 2 to 3 p.m. - Edgar Cruz (Solo Guitar)
• 3 to 4 p.m. - Dead South (Original Acoustic Rock)
• 4 to 5 p.m. - Symoleons - (American Roots)
• 5 to 6 p.m. - The Notes (Classic Rock)
• 6 to 7 p.m. - John Taylor & The Rooftop Dogs Band (Classic Rock)
• 7:30 to 9 p.m. - The Wild Frontier Band (Original Americana Rock)

Sunday, Sept. 1
• 12 to 1 p.m. - Annie Seiss
• 1 to 2 p.m. - Rosh Pinah (Dance Group)
• 2 to 3 p.m. - Signs of Warning (Top 40)
• 3 to 4 p.m. - Swatch Marbly (Alternative Pop Rock)
• 4 to 5 p.m. - Robin & Company
• 5 to 6 p.m. - OCCC Student Jazz Ensemble (Modern Jazz and Blues Quartet)
• 6 to 7 p.m. - North Meets South (Americana Duo)
• 8 to 10 p.m. - OKC Philharmonic

Monday, Sept. 2
• 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Velocity Dance Center (Dance Group)
• 12 to 1 p.m. - Pamela Rise (Uplifting Soul and Funk)
• 1 to 2 p.m. - Anna Kinder (Acoustic Folk)
• 2 to 3 p.m. - Victory (Contemporary Christian)
• 3 to 4 p.m. - Shane Jewell (Eclectic Folk Rock)

Feature Entertainment – OKC Philharmonic and Fireworks
Come early and secure your seat on the lawn, Sunday, Sept. 1, at 8 p.m. to hear the Oklahoma City Philharmonic. Performing at AFO almost every year, the Philharmonic will present classics, orchestral pops, discovery family concerts, as well as a variety of community engagements.

The Oklahoma City Philharmonic was founded in 1988 under the musical direction of Joel Levine who still leads the orchestra today. The Philharmonic performs from Sept. through May with a series of eight classical concerts and six pairs of pop concerts throughout each season. In addition, families in central Oklahoma have
made the Philharmonic’s performances a tradition, especially the holiday performances: the July 3rd concert in downtown Oklahoma City, the July 4th concert in Yukon and the annual Labor Day concert at AFO on the OCCC campus. To learn more about the city’s highly acclaimed orchestra, visit their website at www.okcphilharmonic.org.

Keep your seat after the Philharmonic performs and enjoy the fireworks display as AFO lights up the night sky as soon as the sun sets on Sunday, Sept. 1.

The Food

Roasted peanuts? Kettle Korn? Ice cream floats? Indian tacos? What’s your favorite? The AFO concession row will feature these mouth-watering fair classics as well as fruit smoothies, shaved ice, pulled pork and beef brisket sandwiches. A festival is not complete without traditional foot-long corn dogs dripping in mustard, funnel cakes sprinkled with powdered sugar and your favorite flavor of ice cream. And if you like Mexican, Greek and German food varieties, we’ve got that too. Come hungry!

The History

First launched in 1978, AFO’s main purpose is to provide the citizens of Oklahoma with a cultural experience focusing on Oklahoma’s fine artists and craft persons as well as Oklahoma performing artists. The annual festival is made possible by the strong community support of OCCC and partner organizations including Central Art Association, the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and Women of the South.

With the support of more than 500 volunteers, the Labor Day weekend festival makes a strong contribution to the quality of life and economic development of this region.

Festival hours are Sat., Aug. 31 and Sun., Sept. 1 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Mon., Sept. 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. OCCC is located at S.W. 74th and May Ave. For more information, call (405) 682-7576 or visit the Arts Festival Oklahoma web site at www.occc.edu/afo.

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