

43rd International Folk Festival

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cultures and celebrate what makes us unique,” says Bob Pinson, Interim President and CEO of the Arts Council. “Our festival reminds us that we are stronger together and will accomplish more than we will ever do as individuals.”

Over 30+ Cultural Groups are represented in the Parade of Nations who unify to embrace differences and inspire a more inclusive community for all. Thousands of attendees will enjoy an array of festivities in the performing arts, KidsVille, live music and dance exhibitions, 100+ international cuisines and cultural arts & crafts vendors, and lots of family-friendly fun and entertainment.

“We keep the ARTS alive by supporting local artists from all backgrounds and ages with their amazing arts & crafts, cultural performances, authentic cuisines, and the most vibrant and spirited parade you can imagine,” says Kennon Jackson, Executive Vice President of the Arts Council.

As the Vanguard Partner, Piedmont Natural Gas continues to stand behind its support of the Arts Council’s efforts to impact the greater community. The partnership connects PNG with the 30+ Cultural Groups in celebration of their international traditions. Community partners include the City of Fayetteville, Cumber-

land County, and the NC Arts Council.

The Arts Council of Fayetteville | Cumberland County is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization based in Fayetteville, NC, that supports individual creativity, cultural preservation, economic development, and lifelong learning through the ARTS. Founded in 1973, the Arts Council has served as a link between artists, arts and cultural organizations, and the greater community by administering programs in partnership with a variety of local agencies to stimulate community and economic growth, reinforce child education, and enhance the cultural identity of the arts and entertainment district.

In the fiscal year 2020-21, the Arts Council distributed \$1.1M in grant funds and allocations to Cumberland County arts and culture nonprofit organizations, artists, and municipalities. The Arts Council’s grants, programs, and services are funded in part by contributions from community partners, and through grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, and the NC Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Arts Council at 910/460-5724 or visit (www.theartscouncil.com).

NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, Features Works by Ashley Fabrizio

NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, will present an exhibit of paintings by Ashley Fabrizio, on view from Sept. 9 through Oct. 22, 2021. We are thrilled to have local artist Fabrizio opening the 2021-2022 Mims Art Gallery season at NC Wesleyan College’s Dunn Center. A reception will be held on Sept. 9, from 5-7pm.

Already famous in Rocky Mount, CSX downtown muralist, Fabrizio will have lots to say about her experiences as a muralist, commission painter and paint party hostess, as well as a creative force in regional expressionist painting. Many of her studio paintings will be on display in the Mims Gallery.

A “fearless” artist there is no subject she will shy away from, portraits of friends and celebrities, dogs too, are described in vivid color and bold brushwork. We can feel the artist’s energy and excitement in her paintings as well as engaging her ideas and thoughts about her subject matter.

Educated in local schools and a student of painting and art education at Barton College, in Wilson, NC, Fabrizio has found her artistic voice as an expressionist where emotion and bursts of excitement drive her vision and painting style. She is an active member of both the Wilson and Rocky Mount art communities, as well as other regional venues.

Fabrizio is a mother of two young children and balances her creative life with parenting. She is to be admired for her professional determination to make



Work by Ashley Fabrizio

a living as a career artist supporting her family and herself with her art. Her recent mural collaboration for CSX railroad is an impressive life-sized rendering of two diesel locomotives...wow!

You can find Fabrizio at the Bel Air studios in downtown Rocky Mount where her lively free-spirited mural is already a Bel Air landmark.

Don’t miss this opportunity to view artist’s work; her paintings are for sale and will make a great addition for the home or office collection.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call 252/469-8577 or e-mail to (eadelman@ncwc.edu).

The 32nd Annual Artrageous Kids Art Festival Takes Place in Nags Head, NC - Sept. 18, 2021

The 32nd Annual Artrageous Kids Art Festival will be held at Dowdy Park in Nags Head, NC, from 10am-3pm on Sept. 18, 2021.

Presented by PNC Bank, Artrageous is a free, family-friendly event that includes art activities, live music, dance performances, an artisan market, and food vendors.

“Artrageous is an inclusive event the whole community can enjoy,” said Jim Hansen, PNC regional president for East-

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Artrageous blacksmithing at Dowdy Park in 2019. Photo courtesy of Tatum Clements.

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UPCYCLED ART CONTEST

Seeking submissions at the Winterfest Artisan Market held on Dec. 3,4,5, 2021 at the Commons, 100 Recreation Lane, Jacksonville, NC. This competition is open to all artists, all media and all skill levels. Winners are determined by visitors votes.



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