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46th Annual Guest Artist announcement coming soon!



**46th AFF Poster & Backdrop Artists:
Meghan Chambers & Lauralye Miko**

Friends and coworkers Lauralye Miko & Meghan Chambers are excited to bring together their love of visual arts and appreciation for Juneau’s beautiful environment to create the poster, merchandise, and backdrop artwork for the 46th annual Alaska Folk Festival.



Lauralye Miko (left) is a visual artist who moved from Chicago to Juneau in 2003 to get her degree at UAS. Since then she has fallen in love with the land, its community. She has worked on multiple community based projects including murals at project playground, the whale project, and is most well know for her work featured in Juneau’s Wearable Art show. Laura is always looking for new ways to practice art and contribute to community projects, which is why she is so excited about contributing to this year’s Folk Fest.

heavy rains and dark Alaskan winters, she cultivated an early love of the arts. This interest in science and art pervaded throughout her schooling, and she pursued dual degrees in both biology and studio art / arts administration. These days, Meghan works for the Arts Council and Forbidden Peak Brewery, and co-owns an eco-conscious home goods company, Marms & Meeks. She strives to capture the lush, diverse, and unusual beauty of Alaska in her artwork, and to make science interesting and accessible for everyone.



Meghan Chambers (right) was born and raised in Southeast Alaska, with a childhood spent at remote fish hatcheries. Her playgrounds were the rocky intertidal and mossy temperate rainforests of Southern Baranof Island. To stay busy during the

Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

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Exp. Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

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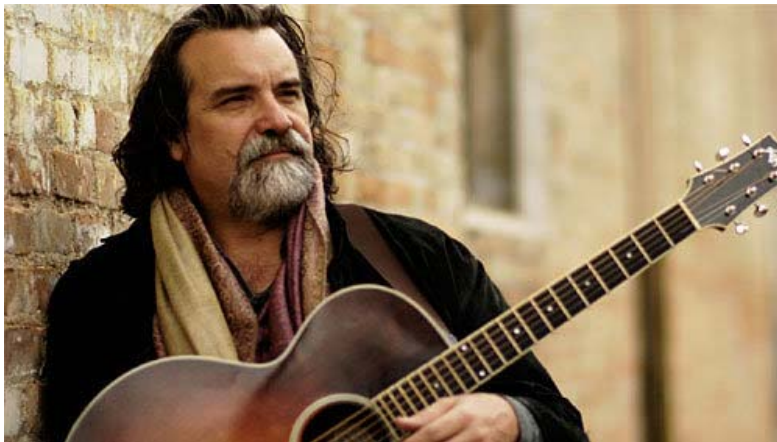
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Please do not list my name in the program

All members receive AFF newsletters and are invited to the AFF Annual Meeting in April. Benefactors, Patrons and Friends will be listed in the festival program (deadline March 15). Please mail form to: Alaska Folk Festival, PO Box 21748, Juneau, AK 99802.

Donations are tax deductible according to law. (EIN: #92-0098258).

AFF Fundraiser Concert: Darrell Scott Feb. 23, 2020



AFF is thrilled to bring you a fantastic evening of music with Darrell Scott. Feb. 23, 2020 at the JACC.

One of Nashville's most beloved songwriters, Darrell Scott's tunes have been covered by The Dixie Chicks ("Long Time Gone"), Brad Paisley and Tim McGraw among many others. Though lauded for his songwriting, Scott's a powerful and soulful singer in his own right, as well as a nimble multi-instrumentalist, releasing a handful of solo and duo recordings with bluegrass hero Tim O'Brien.

"I look like an insider because of everything I've done, but I always felt like an outsider," Darrell Scott

says. "And that's important—to be an outsider." He's also a master. Whether it's rock, folk, country or blues, Darrell Scott, the 4-time Grammy nominated Nashville songwriter, has written hits for Brad Paisley, Faith Hill, Kathy Mattea, The Dixie Chicks, Del McCoury, Sam Bush and Keb Mo.

Witness his ability to make just about any instrument talk, listen to his vocals and songwriting to hear him contain every emotion between joy and pain within one verse in his singing and in his pen. Nowadays he's taking the outsider role even more seriously; after 25 years in Nashville he spent the last few years devoting himself to a self-sufficient lifestyle in the country while simultaneously putting together his best album in years. His most recent album, *The Couchville Sessions* is yet another masterpiece in the Darrell Scott canon.



Tickets go on sale December 1—Get tickets at the JACC or at JAHC.org

A note from the Vice-President

In the past year I have had the opportunity to attend several music festivals around the U.S. Last November my wife and I attended the Kauai Old-Time Gathering at the historic Koke'e Lodge in Hawaii. This summer we headed to Port Townsend, Washington for the Festival of American Fiddle Tunes (aka 'Fiddle Tunes') and in September we attended the 5th annual OldTone festival on the Cool Whisper farm in Hillsdale, New York.

Each of these festivals was fantastic in its own way. In its second year, Kauai Old-Time was small and intimate, offering the opportunity to (literally) sit at the feet of Peter Rowan in a tropical paradise as he sang old favorites and new songs alike. Fiddle Tunes is a huge, week-long music camp with an unrivaled focus on teaching and workshops from the best living fiddlers. OldTone is a weekend festival showcasing musicians playing the original 'old-school' styles of roots music, without the modern polish that happens when they blend in the realm of 'popular music'.



Molsky's Mountain Drifters—OldTone Festival

Each of these festivals impressed me in their own way, but after seeing these and talking with the musicians and festival producers, the strongest takeaway I had was just how unique and amazing The Alaska Folk Festival is! When I explained the unique

format of our festival (free admission, week-long with only one guest artist, anyone can perform a 15 minute set, 100% volunteer and membership supported) people couldn't believe it could exist! And not only does AFF exist, but we are going strong in our 46th year!!



Peter Rowan at Kauai Old Time Gathering, Nov. 2018

It made me exceptionally proud to be a part of this amazing, unique, kinda crazy thing that is the Alaska Folk Festival. And NONE OF IT would be possible without the continued generous support from our members. THANK YOU!!!

Folk Fest has been such a huge part of my life since I moved to Juneau 16 years ago, so I find it hard to believe there are folks who don't know about us (but there are!) As we look forward, we see our 50th year in the near future. I would like to ask everyone to help spread the word to someone who might not know about Folk Fest. This one-of-a-kind festival would not be possible without our members and as we continue to grow, we need to continue to bring in new members. **A huge THANK YOU to all of our members – YOU are the reason we can all share in this amazing experience!**

—Andrew Heist, Vice-president

A Creative Way to Support AFF

As we go through the process of reviewing proposals for guest artists, we are reminded that, due to our location, one of our largest annual expenses is the cost of airline travel and lodging for our guest artists, guest dance caller and hired sound technicians.

If you or someone you know have joined the ever-growing number of Juneauites with AirBnB properties, consider donating housing to the Alaska Folk Festival. Each year AFF spends several thousand dollars for hotel rooms for the handful of people that we bring to Juneau. Donating a downtown AirBnB to AFF would make a very positive impact on the finances of the Festival.

Additionally, each year we spend a large sum on airfare. If you have surplus Alaska Air miles, or unused companion fare certificates, consider donating these to AFF to help keep our recurring annual costs down. THANK YOU!



Contact AFF at:
info@AkFolkFest.org

Enjoy Folk Music Year Round

Upcoming Contra Dance Schedule

All dances 7:30 to 11:00 pm
St. Ann's Parish Hall (5th and Gold St.)
Juneaucontras.org

<u>Date</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Caller</u>
11/29	Full Circle	Suzie Kendig
12/14	Sunny Porch String Band	TBA
12/31	TBA	TBA



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Gold Street Music

(1st Saturday of the month, Oct-Mar)

Next Date: November 2nd
Resurrection Lutheran Church (740 W. 10th St.)
\$5 at the door

Gold Street Music is a showcase of live local music, held monthly at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in downtown Juneau. For more information about this event, or to sign up to perform, please call Elva at 500-4550 or Terry T at 364-3398.