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## THE ANNUAL UTAH ARTS FESTIVAL RETURNS WITH ACCLAIMED MUSICIANS, STREET PERFORMANCES AND EMERGING ARTISTS

**June 11, 2024 – Salt Lake City, Utah:** The 48th annual Utah Arts Festival returns to Salt Lake City on June 28-30th. The three-day iconic festival is known as “The Great Utah Get-Together” where the community convenes to celebrate visual arts, music, dance, film, and more.

Held at Library Square, the Utah Arts Festival is the largest outdoor multi-disciplinary arts event in Utah with an average attendance over 50,000 each summer. Downtown Salt Lake City will transform into a vibrant hub of artistic expression, featuring live concerts and performances on six stages, award-winning film screenings, and unique art pieces from national, local, and emerging artists.

Aimee Dunsmore, UAF’s Executive Director, is excited to be bringing back street theater performances this year, many that are new to the festival. “It’s been many years since we’ve incorporated performances like aerialists, sway pole artists and stilt walkers,” she explains. “We are working with Voodoo Productions to integrate these talented performers into the festival, including with the gorgeous backdrop of the main Library’s glass wall.”

Also new this year, is a robust [Utah Arts Festival App](#) that can be downloaded in advance for iPhone and Android for easy navigation of the Festival’s performances, artists, schedules, and interactive map along with exclusive coupons and a scavenger hunt for prizes.

### **Diverse Music Lineup**

This year’s festival offers a range of musical styles from funk to indie-pop, house to R&B, and much more. The headliners include Steely Dead and Korean artist Seo Jungmin on Friday night, Cool Cool Cool and Andy Frasco and The U.N. on Saturday night, and The Plastic Cherries with future.exboyfriend on Sunday night. Also notable, drumming prodigy 14-year-old Yoyoka will be performing with her family band on Sunday night. The Festival’s Urban Arts area includes 20+ DJs and musicians as well. [uaf.org/headliners](https://uaf.org/headliners)

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## Engaging Community Activities

The Festival will also feature a variety of activities aimed at fostering community and collaboration. Highlights include:

- **Artist Marketplace:** The Festival's artist marketplace will feature more artists than ever before, with over 175+ visual artists showcasing everything from woodworking to metalwork to 3-D and painting. [uaf.org/marketplace](http://uaf.org/marketplace)
- **Visual Art Workshops:** New this year, Workshop SLC is holding three visual art workshops – DIY Paperback Journals, Watercolor Techniques, and Abstract Ink Painting – allowing Festival patrons to learn a new skill or technique. Advance registration suggested to reserve your spot. [uaf.org/workshops](http://uaf.org/workshops)
- **KidsFest:** Kids get in on the fun at the Art Yard, a dedicated space for young artists to engage in make-and-take projects and work on exciting installations, this year focused around the Great Salt Lake, including folding 10,000 origami pelicans. [uaf.org/kids](http://uaf.org/kids)
- **100 Artist / ONE Image:** In its 10th year, this interactive puzzle mural invites Festival goers to paint a square on Friday and Saturday afternoon that will become a 20-foot-tall mural by Saturday evening. The subject of the mural is a mystery until it's unveiled. Painting is free and all ages are welcome.
- **Urban Arts:** This extra-colorful corner of the Festival will host live graffiti, DJs, guest muralist Bill Louis, custom Fat Caps made-to-order, and the traveling and unique Dichroic Skull. [uaf.org/urbanarts](http://uaf.org/urbanarts)
- **Writing Contests + Workshops:** For writers, the Festival with the SLCC Community Writing Center offers a variety of fun activities, including the Wasatch IronPen Literary Marathon and Ultra Marathon starting with a prompt on Friday, June 28, at 6pm. There is also a call for submissions for the Great Salt Lake Anthology. [uaf.org/literary](http://uaf.org/literary)

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## More Than Just Music

Beyond an impressive music lineup, the Utah Arts Festival will showcase a wide range of artistic expressions, including dance, street theater, and film.

- **WordFest:** Presenting readings by local and regional literary talent with an emphasis on underrepresented voices and communities, the **literary performances** span across a variety of genres, including poetry, slam poetry, cowboy poetry, fiction, nonfiction, storytellers, hip-hop and spoken word. [uaf.org/literaryperformance](https://uaf.org/literaryperformance)
- **Street Theater:** Festival goers can experience the spectacle of **street performances** from Voodoo Productions, featuring floating violinists to roaming stilt walkers. [uaf.org/street](https://uaf.org/street)
- **Fear No Film:** Film lovers can celebrate cinematic excellence from Utah and around the world at the no-ticket-required signature short film festival held inside the Main Library Auditorium. Featuring 75 films curated into 14 programs, including narrative, documentary and animated, 2024 screenings include Oscar-nominated *Ninety Five Sense*, Sundance Grand Jury winner, *The Masterpiece*, and Cannes Best Short Film nominee, *Fár*. [uaf.org/film](https://uaf.org/film)
- **Dance:** Utah's vibrant and talented **dancers** will take stage, represented by classical ballet companies to hip-hop groups. [uaf.org/dance](https://uaf.org/dance)
- **Culinary Artists:** Attendees can enjoy festive fare and drinks from **culinary artisans and beverage vendors**, located on Food Row (200 East). [uaf.org/food](https://uaf.org/food)

## Tickets and Information

Tickets for the Utah Arts Festival are available for advanced purchase at [uaf.org/tix](https://uaf.org/tix). Festival tickets and passes include zero fare on UTA buses, Trax, and FrontRunner. For complete information on the lineup, schedule, and festival activities, visit [www.uaf.org](https://www.uaf.org) or follow along on social media at [@UtahArtsFest](https://twitter.com/UtahArtsFest).

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