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with the *Spokane Symphony Orchestra*
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD

Phat Phriday I:

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Super Saturday I:

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Family Concert

with the *Spokane Youth Orchestra*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9TH

with *Reckless Kelly*
 starring *Robert Earl Keen*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10TH

Phat Phriday II:

with *Jackie Greene*
 starring *Los Lonely Boys*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH

Super Saturday II:

with *Josh Ritter*
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THE FESTIVAL



NEWSLETTER FOR THE FESTIVAL AT SANDPOINT • 2006-2007

**QUENCH
 YOUR
 MUSICAL
 THIRST!**

The 2006 Festival at Sandpoint was an over the top success! We achieved an unprecedented year of artistic excellence and financial stability. We want to thank all of you loyal supporters and enthusiastic fans who made our 24th annual season possible, and get you psyched for our 2007 summer concert series celebrating 25 years of world-class music under the stars, on the lake in Sandpoint, Idaho!

2006 HIGH NOTES:
 "Quench Your Musical Thirst," the Festival at Sandpoint's 24th annual Summer Concert Series, August 2-12, presented our trademark mix of eclectic music under the stars, on the lake at Memorial Field: We welcomed our opening night audience with a red carpet, champagne toast and Pops Concert "Hooray for Hollywood" with the Spokane Symphony Orchestra with local vocal soloist Joni Dirks and guest piano soloist Chu Fang Huang conducted by our Maestro Gary Sheldon. "Super Soul Sister Saturday" was our top selling SOLD OUT concert with Ruthie Foster, Susan Tedeschi and the incomparable Grammy and WC Handy Award Winning Blue Legend Etta James. We tested the waters with "Phat Phriday," a double-header evening of the best in contemporary rock music with Jackie Greene, starring David Gray, which nearly sold out and brought throngs of appreciative fans from far and wide. Our Grand Finale Concert with the "Taste of the Stars" Wine Tasting continues to be one of the top attractions of the season. Maestro Sheldon led the Spokane Symphony

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Orchestra in a "Happy Birthday Mozart" concert commemorating the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth, featuring command operatic performances by regional favorites Amy Craven and William Rhodes, and a standing ovation for Leslie Stratton Norris and our very own Rhonda Bradetich performing a magical concerto for harp and flute. Other memorable performances included "Super Surfin Saturday" with the Belaires, Los Straitjackets and guitar legend Dick Dale performing with his son Jimmy Dale; Grammy Award winning country songstress Tanya Tucker; and the virtuosic Nickel Creek with special guests the Wailin' Jennys. We added 100 season passes for a total of 600 available this year and SOLD OUT again! We exceeded our budget goals for ticket sales as well as other on site income sources including merchandise, chair rental and food and beverage sales.

Local artist and gallery owner Dann Hall created "The Music of the Spheres" for the 2006 Festival Poster, a highly original piece that celebrates his love for music and our special venue on this precious lake, enhanced by a poem "The Listening Point" by his good friend and Mayor of Hope Larry Keith. The original artwork was auctioned off during the concert series, with the winning bid of \$5,100 going to Gail Spurgin. Hall's artwork was unveiled before the Festival at a sumptuous poolside reception generously hosted for the first time by the Seasons at Sandpoint. A committee of past poster artists recently selected local artist **Janene Grende** to create the original artwork for the 2007 Festival. Known for her colorful creations using a "gouache" technique to paint on silk, Grende's artwork celebrating the 25th Festival at Sandpoint will be revealed to the community on July 12th at the Seasons at Sandpoint.

The Festival's 5th Grade Music Outreach Program continued to be a huge success this year. Now going into its ninth year, this wonderful program just keeps getting bigger and better. We attempt to reach every 5th child in Bonner and Boundary County public and private schools as well as home-schooled students in both counties. In May of 2006, an ensemble of twelve musicians traveled to each classroom led by Verne Windham of the Spokane Youth Orchestra and KPBX fame, to present performances of excerpts from the Festival's symphonic concerts. Lively lessons and discussions accompanied the performances and each student also received a study guide to take home with a voucher for three free tickets for themselves and their parents -- or other family members -- to attend the Festival's Grand Finale concert on August 13th. We also offered additional discounted tickets for \$5 for all immediate family members of these 5th graders. Our Grand Finale Concert is now the highest attended concert of our season as we see more young faces in the audience each year -- We love it!

The Festival at Sandpoint's 2006 Family Concert, "Mighty Rivers of the World!" was a big hit from an educational and an entertainment standpoint. This popular "Festival for Families" included activities for kids of all ages, followed by a concert with Maestro Gary Sheldon and Verne Windham conducting the Spokane Youth Orchestra. The performance included Strauss' "The Beautiful Blue Danube," Handel's "Water Music," and a tribute to our own mighty river, the Mississippi, with our own Curt Hagan belting out Kerns' "Old Man

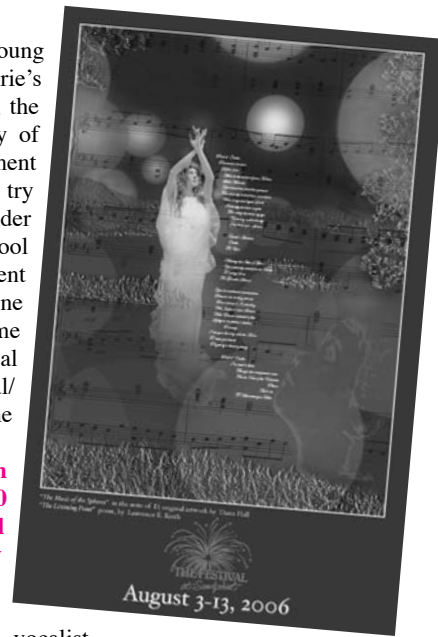
River" and leading a delighted young crowd in a round of Woody Guthrie's "Roll on Columbia." Once again, the most popular pre-concert activity of the day was the Classical Instrument Petting Zoo, where kids get to try various instruments on for size under the tutelage of Sandpoint High School Band members. It was an excellent mentorship experience for everyone involved. Every child who came through the gates received a musical goody bag with an educational/fun activity booklet to take home regarding the concert.

The Festival's Education Committee awarded its \$1,000 Music Scholarship for Vocal Performance, funded by Coldwater Creek, to Sandpoint High School Graduate Hailey Fuqua. A talented pianist and vocalist, Hailey studied classical piano and distinguished herself as an academic leader finishing in the top two percent of her class and was named an Idaho Top Scholar. Hailey is currently attending the Boston Conservatory where she will work toward her Bachelors of Music. She accepted her scholarship after her solo piano performance playing a piece by Chopin at the Festival's opening night Pops Concert on August 3rd. We are thrilled to acknowledge the potential of young musicians and to help fuel their dreams through this scholarship each year.

The Festival at Sandpoint and Angels Over Sandpoint teamed up to award a scholarship that encourages community youth to excel in the arts. This scholarship rotates its focus annually to encourage various aspects of the arts. The 2006 scholarship was awarded in the area of Writing. This year's scholarship recipient was Sandpoint High School junior **Alli Brotherton** who received her \$1,000 award at the Festival's Family Concert program on August 7th. Future years for this scholarship will include Visual Arts (2007), Theater/Dance (2008), Vocal Performance (2009) and Writing (2010).

And the band plays on...with a little help from the Instrument Assistance Program! We believe any student who wants to play in the school band, should have the opportunity to do so. We also want to help local schools enhance their music programs. During the 2006-07 school year we provided rental instruments for every student who came to us for assistance, 45 in all. This program also provided two marimbas for the Sandpoint Middle School and High School bands and matching funds to assist the Bulldog Band Boosters to purchase a new tuba.

Successful fundraising efforts netted \$306,000: 10 foundation grants, 31 corporate cash sponsors, contributions from over 450 individuals and small business members, and successful fundraising events like The Annual Wine Tasting Dinner & Auction. Additionally, 18 in-kind sponsors contributed \$113,000 in goods and services. Success in this area is very important when you consider the fact that tickets sales cover only half the cost of presenting our programs each year.



Heading into our 25th annual summer concert series, we have learned to follow our own compass, yet adapt and grow, taking into consideration important factors that we monitor and respond to, including trends in the music industry, increasing costs and competition. We are proud that we have been able to achieve such success and stability while never losing sight of our mission "to make exceptional musicians and great performances accessible to the community and surrounding region."

As we approach our 25th Festival at Sandpoint celebration this summer, it is our goal to improve the quality of your festival experience with some wonderful surprises including a new sound system, more blanket seating and a season line-up befitting this important milestone. Special memories await our dedicated Festival fans this summer...precious enough, we hope, to last into the next quarter century.

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The Grand Finale Concert on August 13, 2006 was dedicated to the memory of Jim Fenton, in honor of the Fenton Family's longtime support of The Festival at Sandpoint and community-wide patronage of the arts.



Auctioneer Chuck Whitman rallies the crowd at the Annual Wine Tasting Dinner & Auction on April 27th. This year's event netted approximately \$45,000 to benefit The Festival's 2007 programs.

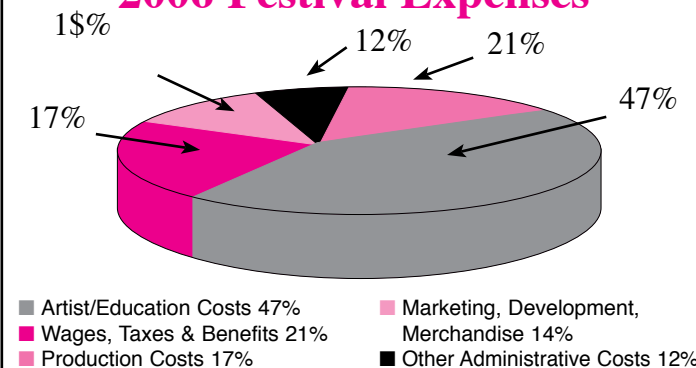
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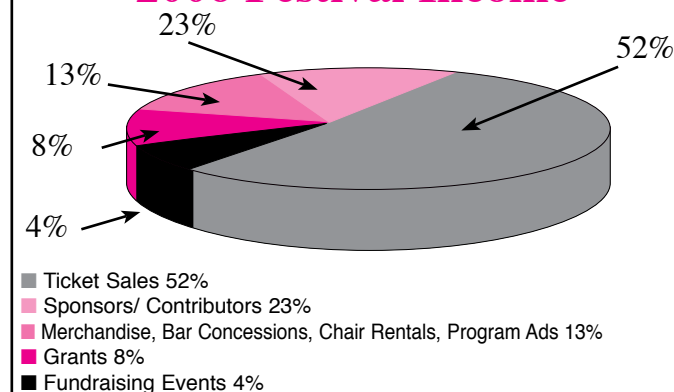
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THANK YOU FLAT HAT PRODUCTIONS!

Flat Hat Productions completed their second season of local musical and theatrical productions for the Sandpoint Community with 25% of their proceeds pledged to benefit the Festival at Sandpoint's educational programs. We say "Bravo!" Information regarding Flat Hat productions is available at: www.flathatproductions.com



TU-BA GOOD TO BE TRUE! Members of the Festival at Sandpoint Education Committee present a check for the purchase of a new tuba to Sandpoint High School Band Director Aaron Gordon and members of the Bulldog Band Boosters and SHS Band. The Festival provided a dollar for dollar matching grant, raising a total of \$2,000 from the community, which was matched by the Festival's Instrument Assistance Program for a total of \$4,000 for the new instrument.

EDUCATIONAL CORNER

The Festival at Sandpoint is passionate about its year-round educational mission in the community. The Festival works cooperatively with other organizations and schools in the region to present a variety of educational programs to inspire, educate and assist area youth:

Family Concert: An affordable opportunity for kids and their families to share a musical afternoon. The Spokane Youth Orchestra performs with local dancers and soloists. Pre-concert activities include games, face painting, and the ever-popular "Instrument Petting Zoo" where children can try various instruments on for size assisted by student mentors from the Sandpoint High School and Charter School Bands.

5th Grade Music Outreach Program: A community based educational program with school performances throughout Bonner and Boundary counties and free tickets for over 800 students and their families to attend the Festival's Grand Finale symphony concert in August.

Instrument Assistance Program: Our newest educational endeavor with a primary goal to assist elementary students with rental instruments so they can participate in 6th grade band at their schools. 45 children received full scholarships for the rental of their instruments for the entire 2006-07 school year. This program has also repaired and provided new instruments throughout the school district. So far the Festival has donated an oboe to the Sandpoint Middle School, two pianos to the Sandpoint Charter School and Washington Elementary, a trombone to Southside Elementary, two marimbas for the Sandpoint Middle School and Sandpoint High School, bass drums and cymbals for every elementary school in the Lake Pend Oreille School District, and repair kits to assist music teachers with the upkeep of existing instruments. This program also provided a matching grant that enabled the Bulldog Band Boosters to raise funds for a new tuba for the Sandpoint High School Band (see below).

Scholarships: The Coldwater Creek Music Scholarship is given through The Festival at Sandpoint each year to a talented Bonner County high school instrumentalist with plans to continue their education in music. The Festival also works cooperatively with another local non-profit organization, Angels Over Sandpoint, to award a scholarship that rotates its area of focus annually to encourage various aspects of the arts: Visual Arts, Dance & Theater, Vocal Performance and Writing.

Coldwater Creek Music Scholarship Winner:

Sandpoint High School Graduate Hailey Fuqua performed a piano solo at the Festival's Grand Finale Concert last August after receiving a \$1,000 music scholarship funded by Coldwater Creek. Hailey is currently attending the Boston Conservatory working towards a Bachelors of Music. She plans to pursue a career in opera, music and vocal performance.



Our 2006 ANGEL

The 2006 Angels Over Sandpoint / Festival at Sandpoint Scholarship was awarded in the area of Writing to Alli Brotherton, currently a junior at Sandpoint High School. Alli received a \$1,000 scholarship to put towards her studies and wrote a creative piece for the Festival's Family Concert Program. Active in numerous high school extra curricular activities and dedicated to academics, her future plans include college, a law degree, and a career representing activist groups.



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