



South Fork Music Association

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The South Fork Music Association was founded in 2005 to provide quality musical events for the town of South Fork and the surrounding area. The focus of the SFMA is to employ local talent whenever possible and additionally attract national acts and their fans to South Fork. A successful concert is dependent on many outside resources; food and refreshment vendors, venue proprietors and hospitality services are essential. Whenever possible, local businesses will be approached first to provide these various services in keeping with our goal of increased economic growth for South Fork. The industry of live music involves many other industries and these relationships will foster new-found business opportunities for all involved.

SFMA is committed to supporting our younger musicians through music programs, scholarships and workshops. Additionally, the SFMA will provide a proper venue for music presentations and recitals for area students.

Rhythms on the Rio

ROTR is the biggest production the music association organizes each year and is celebrating it's 10th Anniversary this year! It was started in an effort to put South Fork on the map for a late summer destination for great live music therefore helping our local economy. It has been held at several locations in town but found a home 2 years ago at its current location just east of town thanks to the generosity of Kurt Carlton.

ROTR has evolved over the years and changes have been made as our budget allows. In past years several activities have been added: horseshoe tournament, artist painting, children's activities, tube rentals, all while great music is being performed live on stage.

It is through donations, fundraising, and volunteers that we are able to continue.

SFMA will be selling advertising this year for the NEW SFMA program that will be distributed during each of SFMA's 2015 events. For advertising information, please email or call a SFMA board member. This year's festival will be held August 7-9.

2015 SFMA Newsletter

Sunday Funday Summer Concert Series

This July the SFMA will be bringing back our Summer Concert Series to be held at the Visitor's Center every Sunday for the month of July. Local and regional bands will be featured for everyone's enjoyment. This concert series will be offered for free. Check in on Facebook at South Fork Music Association and "Like" us to receive announcements.

Summer Soul-Stice

This year's Summer Soul-Stice event will be held on Saturday, June 20th at the Rhythms on the Rio Festival site. SFMA's 3rd Annual Singer/Songwriter Competition will take place during the Summer Soul-Stice celebration. If you are interested in competing in the singer/songwriter competition, email a sample of your original music to sfma1@live.com or to meyerhd@hotmail.com. Musicians may be individuals, duos, trios, etc who write and perform their own music. The winner of the competition will receive a paid slot during 10th Annual Rhythms on the Rio.

Children's Music Program

SFMA's Children's Music Program has been well received by the public and has now served over 50 children from the SLV, offering them 8 weeks of FREE music lessons as well as FREE instruments at the end of those lessons.

This was in large part thanks to Courtney La Zeir of Big River Music in Creede and a founding member of SFMA who has been teaching children the ukulele or the guitar.

Skip Patterson and Karen Miller have been instrumental in organizing this program, which takes place during the Spring and Fall.

Graduates from the Children's Music Program can be seen performing during the Annual Rhythms on the Rio Music Festival.

In addition to the Children's Music Program, SFMA has awarded a scholarship to Willa Seez-Sanchez from Alamosa, in order for her to continue her violin lessons. Willa will also be performing during ROTR.

Committees

Committee members are needed to serve on the following committees: Marketing, Events, Benefactors, Fund-Raising, and General Volunteers. If you would like to serve contact SFMA at the above e-mail address. 2015 SFMA Board: Paul Orr (President), Skip Patterson (Vice President), Scott Stecken (Treasurer), Rebekah Roesch (Secretary), Heather Meyer, Karen Miller, Laurie Robertson & Bob Mason. SFMA currently has one board position open. If you are interested in serving, please email SFMA.