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BENSON FIRST FRIDAY 8.5.2022

















CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF BFF OMAHA!

ON STREET

- 1. Artist Markets**  Maple St. @ Military Ave & 62nd St. (5-10pm)
 - 50+ Artist Vendors
 - Street DJs : Be-ezii Uggo Djb & DJ Joe Benson
 - Live Artists: Reggie LeFlore w/ Blush + Baccara & Jorge Colorado
 - Community Partners: Gorgon Network & Omaha Performing Arts
- 2. New American Arts Festival**   Celebrating local immigrant & refugee artists - vendors, FOOD trucks, visual artists (6-9pm)
 - **Performances:** Darayu Boltaeva (@ 6:30), Karen Youth Loves Culture (@ 7:00), Mallika Madduri (@ 7:30), Umuco Wacu (@ 8:00), & Oscar Rios Pohirieth (@ 8:30)
- 3. Ted & Wally's**  All Ages ART CLUB (6-9pm) To Go Kits + In-Person Activities - ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED!
 -  Teenline Exhibition  by Nurto Aden - **NAAF PASS STAMP!**
 - Community Partners: UNMC, BBBS, TeamMates, & Charles Drew
 - SWAP OMAHA: Community Wide Clothing Swap!
 - On-Street Entertainment & Karaoke
- 4. Pedicabs**  Tired of walking? Catch 'em all summer long!
***Rides are FREE but please tip your pedalists!
- 5. On-Street Projections**  (After Dark) by Virgilio Rodriguez
- 6. Storytelling Booth**  Tell us your FAV, FIRST, or FUNNIEST First Friday/BFF memory in our 10 Year Storytelling Booth - PRIZES!

OPENINGS AND EVENTS (7-10pm)

- 7. Petshop**  BODIES - art by Sally Brown and friends
 - On Display: The Ground Beneath - exhibition curated by Jared Spence
 - 10-Year Storytelling Booth! Tell a story, win a PRIZE!
- 8. Studio 62**  The Erotic Mind / Nik Hulstein
- 9. Lover Luxuries** FREE GIFTS & The Tunnel of Love!!
- 10. Eleven Eleven**  Featured Artist
- 11. Hardy Coffee**  Originals Only - Local Music Showcase ft. SAND, Daryl Jr., Saltwater Sanctuary, OJAI, Halien Friendz (7-9:30pm)
- 12. Trudy's**  Open Studios ft. Landlock Gallery, Aksarben Creative, Dark Marbles, Guesswork Studios + TeenLine All Ages Activities (6-9pm):
 - BFF TeenLine: Group Weaving Project
 - Landlock Gallery: featuring artists Howard Thiel and Brandon Rial
 - Aksarben Creative: NFT Onboarding workshops by Stefanie Monge & Imagination / John Brumbach

- 13. CHOICE**  Parade of Horribles - Jolynn Reigeluth (5-7pm)
- 14. BFF Gallery**   A collection of works from the Mid-western African Museum of Art (6-9pm) **NAAF PASS STAMP!**
- 15. Omaha Art Lending Library**  (inside BFF Gallery)
- 16. Radial Arts Center**   M.J Queen Beauty & Fashion (Mourdjana "MJ" Batcha) + Asaad Komi **NAAF PASS STAMP!**
- 17. MaMO Gallery**  TGIBFF!: The Throwback ft. Ian Tredway, Jada Messick, & ZWIAN (6-9pm)
- 18. Maple St. Construct** 
- 19. The Sydney** Featured Artist
 - Friends of BFF Happy Hour ft. Purris Stilton (6:00-7:00)
- 20. Benson Theatre**  Kaija Jeanae Experience Band
- 21. Virtuoso**  Get a Slice & thank them for sponsoring BFFzzz zine!
- 22. Edge of the Universe**  Movie Night: School of Rock
- 23. Greenlight Natural**  Oracle Readings with Lady Lilith
- 24. Star Deli**  Featured Artist
- 25. Daisy Jones' Locker**  BFF showcase ft. Whimsy Handmade
- 26. Jake's Cigars**  Featured Artist Nate Rock
- 27. Sailor's Grave**  Become a BFF Member FOR LIFE by getting a BFF logo tattoo!! Happy 10 Years!

WINDOW DISPLAYS

- 28. 1912**   Window Display by Mohammad Hanif Sufizada
- 29. Burke's Pub**   Window Display by featured artist
- 30. Five Nine**   Window Display by Virgilio Rodriguez
- 31. Benson Brewery**   Window Display of Artifacts
- 32. CHOICE**  Window Display - Featured Artists

LATE NIGHT (After 9pm)

- 33. Shakedown St.**
- 34. The Sydney** August BFF w/DJ LadieMuerte
- 35. REVERB** Cable Network with Wyrmwood and Collin Smith
- 36. The Waiting Room** Doobie "Bat Sh*t Crazy Tour" FT: Caskey

NEW AMERICAN ARTS FESTIVAL - ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Scan for favorite recipes from New American cooks:



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Visit all **FOUR** stops
for the New American
Arts Festival, collect a
stamp (boxes below),
and return to **62nd**
St. to be entered into
a raffle!

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Radial Arts
Center

NAAF
@ BFF
Gallery

FIRST FRIDAY OUTDOORS

Life in the age of Covid is complicated.
Now you can enjoy First Fridays ... from a distance.

Pick up a brochure at any Artist Market HQ or scan the QR below!

WINDOW DISPLAYS

Rotating artists each month, these on-street window displays can be found at 1912, Burke's, Five Nine, Benson Brewery, & CHOICE Custom Framing, among others.

10-GO ART KITS

Pick up a FREE to-go art kit and take it to your at-home artist studio. These kits are ALL AGES & available while they last.

AFTER DARK PROJECTIONS

The sun goes down and the projections go up! Keep an eye out for digital art projections at various locations.

LIVE ARTISTS

Catch a glimpse of a live artist working in their natural element. (May-Sept only).

STREET DJ'S

Put some pep in yer step as you stroll the streets of Benson. (May-Sept only).

PERFORMERS

It's standing room only at this on-street music venue featuring various performers (May-Sept only).

ON-STREET GALLERY

Look for the "Rainbow Gallery" on-street outside of Petshop. (May-Sept only).

PUBLIC ART SCAVENGER HUNT

Wander the neighborhood ALL SUMMER LONG and collect selfies with public art works to WIN PRIZES. (May-Sept only).

COVID-19 RESOURCES



MORE INFO & VIRTUAL EVENT



SCAVENGER HUNT



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...and to **All our Business Members**

Jake's Cigars, Barchen, Radial Arts Center,
Taco Co., Saint Paul Benson, The Sydney,
Five Nine, Shakedown St. Tavern,

The Scout Guide Omaha, Benson Mill Apartments,
Gregg Grossman Inc., Dahlia House,

& Supergroovy's The Sweet Side!

Tonight's Member Perks**

@ 1912 FREE draft beer or glass of wine w/ any app or entrée purchase (4-6)

@ Benson Brewery Half off draft beer 3-6pm

@ Beercade \$1 off all drinks!

@ Burke's Pub Buy one Apple Pie Shot, get another for a PENNY (3-6pm)

@ Chingon Buy one get one TACOS

@ Daisy Jones' Locker 10% off your purchase

@ Edge of the Universe Free cookie with drink purchase

@ Infusion Brewing \$1 off all drafts

@ Jake's Half off Sangria on tap!

@ Kai Tei Buy one get one SAKE

@ St. Andrews \$1 off Tap Beers & Sangria until 7

@ Star Deli 10% off your purchase

@ Ted & Wally's FREE scoop of ice cream

@ The Sydney \$1.00 off all drinks!

Become a Friend of BFF **TONIGHT >>>**

