



BENSON FIRST FRIDAY 8.4.2023

AN ART WALK IN THE BENSON CREATIVE DISTRICT!

ON STREET

New American Arts Festival 🌈 The 10th Annual New American Arts Festival, presented by Heartland Family Services and BFF, celebrates local immigrant & refugee artists - (6-9pm)

1. Artist Markets 🌈 Maple St. @ Military Ave & 62nd St. (6-10)

- 50+ Artist Vendors and Featured NAAF Vendors
- Street DJs : Be-ezii Uggo Djb & J Benson
- Live Artists: Jorge Colorado & Mimi Yu
- Letters to Home Community Post Card Writing

2. Omaha Mobile Stage 🌈 NAAF Showcase 6:00 - 9:00

featuring: Drum and Salsa Workshops. Performances by: Gurukulam, Danza Tlacololeros de Schuyler (presented by Nebraska Folklife and Nebraska Arts Council), United Women of Nuba Mountains and Lisa Mitchell

3. NAAF Food Truck Lot 🌈 New American Food Trucks

4. Community Mural 🌈 Mural painting with Oria Simonini

5. D'Colores Art Bus 🌈 DJ Chamuko, G Vazquez, Raices de Mexico danza Tonantzi

6. Ted & Wally's 🌈 All Ages ART CLUB (6-8pm) To Go Kits + In-Person Activities - ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED!

- Live Music by: Renzellous and Kahmai
- Clothing Swap with Swap Omaha

7. Pedicabs 🌈 Rides are FREE but please tip your pedalists!

8. On-Street Projections 🌈 presented by JOE.VIDEO featuring projection work by Alaksa Fu

OPENINGS AND EVENTS (7-10pm)

9. Petshop 🌈

Opening Reception: Oria Simonini // Junto Al Río De Estos Cielos

- Fist Fulla Toys feat. Nofunctiontoys, ZWIAN, & Stephen Kavanaugh

10. MaMO Gallery 🌈

Chinese Painting & Calligraphy by Yulan Zhou

11. Studio 62 🌈 Art Lounge Open Hours 7:00 - 10:00

12. Shakedown Street Tavern 🌈 Soundarte.net Music

Showcase featuring: Michael Murphy, Brixz The Flip and The Gruesomes and Las Cruces 6:00 - 9:00

13. Lover Luxuries FREE GIFTS & The Tunnel of Love

14. Eleven Eleven 🌈 featured artist: Tammy Muecke

15. Hardy Coffee 🌈 Originals Only: Local Music Showcase hosted by Mad Darling (7:00 - 9:30pm)

16. Trudy's 🌈 To Go Kits + In-Person Activities + BFF TEENLINE

- Open Studios ft. Aksarben Creative, Dan Cavanagh, Dark Marbles, + VSmith Healing Art and Design

17. Radial Arts Center 🌈 Opening Reception: "Line + Contrast" by Ilaamen Pelshaw

18. Choice Gallery 🌈 Opening Reception: TOYFeVer 6 - 9

19. BFF Gallery 🌈 Works by Angelica Tapia-Estrada 6 - 9

20. Maple St. Construct

21. The Sydney Pie Fairy Pop-UP, Featured Artist: April Taylor Friend of BFF Happy Hour w/ OhDaFro (6:00 - 7:00)

22. Benson Theatre Omaha Comedy Fest: Weisenheimers & the Strangers 7PM Queer Comedy Showcase 9PM

23. Virtuoso 🌈 Get a slice & thank them for sponsoring BFFzz #17!

24. Ming Toy Gallery 🌈 Opening Reception: Michael Trenhaile: Hoodlums, Thieves and Dead Pepole & Other Events (6 - 9)

25. Star Deli 🌈 Angel Guardians Inc., Missing Piece of the Puzzle

26. Jake's Cigars Featured Artist:

27. Dungeon Crate 🌈 NAAF Food Trucks (5 - 9)

28. Nebraska AIDS Project NAP Gallery feat sexual health art and artifacts, Nebraska Abortion Resources, special mocktails (6 - 8)

29. Benson Little League 🌈 Sandlot Fun Days (5 - 6:30)

WINDOW DISPLAYS

30. Burke's Pub 🌈 featured artist: Joseline Calderon

31. Five Nine 🌈

32. Edward Jones 🌈 featured artist: Mike Kasel

33. Benson Brewery 🌈 Tuan Vuong, & Luis Martinez

LATE NIGHT (After 9pm)

34. Shakedown St. CTRL + ALT + DEL a BFF Dance Party

35. The Sydney Bug Heaven w/ Lodgings and Breakers 10PM

36. The Waiting Room Four Winds Music Festival Day 1

37. Reverb Lounge Four Winds Music Festival Day 1

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- = Emergency Phone
- = Family Friendly
- = NAAF

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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.

TO-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.

STREET DJs

Put some pep in yer step as you stroll the streets of Benson.

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.

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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Special thanks to our CAPTAIN'S CLUB Members!



...and to ALL our Business Members

Bärchen, Five Nine, Doggurt, Heather Tedesco Realtor BHGRE, Gregg Grossman Inc., Jake's Cigars, Jimmy John's, Maven Social, Ming Toy Gallery, Nebraska AIDS Project, Omaha Roller Derby, Saint Paul Benson, Star Deli, Sundee Event Venue, Taco Co., The Sydney

Tonight's Member Perks**
(only redeemable as a Friends of BFF member)

@ 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)

@ Burrito Envy Free cinnamon crisp w/ purchase (Dine In Only)

@ Chingon Buy one get one TACOS

@ Infusion Brewing \$1 off all drafts

@ Jake's Half off Sangria on tap!

@ Kai Tei Buy one get one SAKÉ

@ 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!

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