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Welcome to ComFest!

In a world that claims to offer many “alternatives”—music, media, food, you name it—this festival is unlike any in Columbus and unique among similar festivals across the country.

It began as Community Festival in 1972 in the University District as an artistic and political celebration of alternatives to mainstream culture. It grew from an early coalition of counter-cultural organizations—food co-op, health center, tenants union, underground newspaper, and phone information center—addressing needs not being met by the larger culture. Working with owners of small businesses such as import and clothing stores, head shops, and jewelers, the group organized a two-day festival at 16th & Waldeck in the University area.

The principles around which the coalition organized remain the guiding ideals of ComFest (read them on page 9).

ComFest celebrates the ways in which individuals can collectively take control of their own lives. This focus on collective work—in which people subsume their own needs to the larger purpose—is the core of the festival, which is run totally by volunteers and accepts no corporate sponsorships that might compromise its independence.

There's no doubt that over the past five decades political struggles to redefine mainstream norms have produced successes, most notably in areas of gender rights, healthier food, and alternative energy. These changes might seem to have happened almost overnight, but this overlooks decades of work in communities and courtrooms, as well as the evolving attitudes of new generations who recognize that diversity is not a threat to either them or society.

But these gains are by no means secure. The cultural revolution spawned by reproductive rights, racial integration, and a more communitarian consciousness is under continuous attack by right-wing groups and politicians who have simply become less open about their efforts to roll back progress.

*...the only word you'll ever need
to know in life is "why"*

—Sturgill Simpson
"Keep It Between The Lines"

As we seek alternative solutions to obvious problems, the questions “Why?” and *cui bono?* (“who profits?” in Latin) define how difficult self-determination is. The Citizens United decision, which defines money as a form of speech, allows what Paul Simon’s song “The Boy in the Bubble” once called “a loose affiliation of millionaires and billionaires” to buy their own legislators, or at least to anonymously slander candidates whose politics threaten these oligarchs’ interests. Gerrymandering of legislative districts produces a right-wing Congress that refuses to work and right-

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wing Republican state legislatures even in purple states. State and local governments create obstacles to voting by racial minorities and the poor. Charter schools run by politicians' friends suck billions out of public schools and produce worse results.

"More guns" is touted as the response to poverty and lack of education. A political party that claims moral values lines up behind a candidate who degrades women and ethnic groups, decries the rule of law, and believes that throwing punches is diplomacy. Documents hacked from a Panamanian law firm reveal how shell companies, limited-liability corporations, and anonymous overseas accounts allow the super-wealthy to avoid millions of dollars in taxes.

Locally, a City Council elected at-large produces a smug Democratic lock on government, providing massive tax abatements to developers in thriving areas of the city while ignoring development incentives in poor neighborhoods.

*Like who got your best interest?
...And who pretending?*

—Kendrick Lamar
“Mortal Man”

Faced with these well-organized, well-funded attacks on democracy, working to change things might seem pointless. Everything is too corrupt, too hopeless, too difficult, and these attitudes can stop meaningful progress before it begins. The Occupy movement raised public consciousness, but its refusal to create organization and develop a set of specific goals doomed its noble intent and incredible energy to irrelevancy. The movement had the eyes and ears of millions and then sadly squandered the opportunity to make something happen because so many of its adherents despised the idea of structure.

Collective action can produce change. Locally and nationally the Black Lives Matter movement, while not yet scoring major gains, has pushed racial bias in law enforcement into the public eye. Citizen groups are challenging the waste and environmental destruction of fracking. Bernie Sanders' avowedly socialist presidential campaign, originally dismissed as a Children's Crusade, has demonstrated that it's possible to compete without becoming beholden to large donors eager to protect their business interests.

Every promise don't work out that way
—Beyoncé
“Sandcastles”

ComFest originated over 40 years ago because many of the promises of Freedom and Democracy and Equality had shown themselves hollow, exclusive, and destructive to both spirit and life; it continues today for the same reason. It has survived through many ups and downs because everyday people believe in its underlying principles of volunteering to work together. You can be part of it.

Even if just for three days, ComFest is your community, and being part of it requires no special skills. Volunteers make it happen. You and/or a group of friends can ensure ComFest's survival, get a t-shirt and tokens good for food and beverages, and earn the right to boast, "I volunteer at ComFest." The Information Station near the Park Street entrance can show you how.

Forming and being in community is messy. It takes time. Like any other relationship, it can sometimes be frustrating and disappointing and emotionally draining. Ultimately, though, it's spiritually nourishing. And it's the only way we meaningfully live together.

—Steve Abbott



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IMPORTANT FESTIVAL RULES

NOTE: No coolers, please. Don't leave backpacks unattended. Bags subject to being checked.

- No bottles or cans/NO BYOB. No glass of any kind.
- ComFest encourages following all city, county, state and federal laws.
- No weapons of any kind are allowed at the event.
- No unauthorized parking inside the park.
- Walk bikes inside the park.
- No roller skates/blades/skateboards/Segways or scooters except medical mobility devices.
- No vending, distribution of arts, crafts, literature or petitioning except at an authorized booth space.
- No unauthorized motor vehicles.
- Animals must be leashed and owners must clean up after them. For your pets' sake—leave them at home.
- No fires, grills, fireworks, torches or sparklers
- No tents/shade shelters except event-authorized uses.
- No swimming in the pond.
- No drones.
- No unauthorized sound amplification.

COMFEST CLOSING TIMES:

Friday at 11 PM, Saturday at 9 PM and Sunday at 8 PM.
The South Barricade at Swan and Park Street will close at 9 PM each evening. No re-entry will be allowed at that barricade.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

1. Look for Safety volunteers in ComFest T-shirts with SAFETY on the back for help and information.
2. Base station for Safety is at the north end of the Shelterhouse in the center of the park.
3. Program Guides are available at perimeter barricades, Information Station and bars.
4. To volunteer, go to the Information Station located inside the park near the Russell St. entrance.



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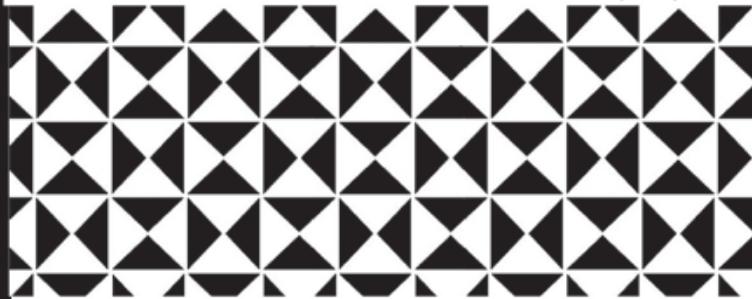
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Spirit and Purpose

Spirit and Purpose Committee welcomed several new active members this past year, which is great news given all the work the committee does. Besides workshops for Solar, Peace and Healing Arts Tents, S&P invites guest speakers to the stages; writes descriptions and biographical information for Program Guide; schedules stage spots for community organizations to speak; assigns stage emcees and provides training, stage notes and announcements; films workshops; supports Archives and ComFest Museum, books comedy, poetry, and theater; selects sculptures and art installations; produces the Awards Ceremony; and endeavors to promote ComFest's progressive values and Statement of Principles. It takes months of planning and work and a big group effort.

This year's S&P invited special guest Guante, a spoken word performance artist/activist from Minnesota. Nationally celebrated, Guante embodies ComFest's belief in community and diversity, self-determination and respect, organizing and direct involvement in solutions. His workshop and performance are not to be missed.

ComFest Museum: Stop by the Shelter House to visit the ComFest Museum and discover a rich history in the Columbus community. There will be displays of memorabilia and film footage from prior festivals. A colorful display of prior years' festival t-shirts adorns two walls. Docents will be on hand to answer questions and embellish the history with their own experiences.



Photo by Michael Gruber

This is an election year—as if anyone needs reminding! If you are not registered to vote or you need to update your registration, ComFest is the place to do it. Visit the Voter Registration booth or get involved and attend our scheduled workshop training to learn how to register others. Then volunteer!

A lot of our workshops and speakers will prod you to think about important issues before you decide who and what to vote for. Whether your concerns are economic, environmental, social, local or national, ComFest has experts, teachers, community leaders and activists to help explain, demystify and keep you better informed.,

Spirit & Purpose puts in all this effort because ComFest is committed to creating the best possible community with fairness, justice, and equality for everyone. It's easy to have fun at the festival, but please be safe and take care of each other. Model peace and harmony. Be generous—your dollars go back into the community through grants and gifts. Don't forget to Volunteer: this is YOUR

Community Festival—a great party with an even greater purpose.

— Connie Everett



ComFest Logo Design: Three finalists were selected from 19 entries entered by area artists and designers at our logo contest in March. The winner was selected by consensus at a General Planning Committee meeting. This year's logo design was created by Julie Macala, who is also one of our Street Fair vendors. We congratulate Julie and all the talented artists who entered.

ComFest is a Year-round Gig

Community Festival is a non-profit organization run by volunteers who work year-round through committees and general meetings to produce the festival each June. We welcome new members and new ideas. We make decisions based on a consensus model grounded in our core principles and code of regulations. You can learn more by visiting us on the web at comfest.com and our Community Festival Facebook page.

Community Festival looks easier than it really is. More than three dozen organizers work on it all year when nobody's looking. Each autumn, festival organizers host a planning retreat to work on improving the festival and strengthening community relations.

In early March, Community Festival sponsors a logo contest that attracts creative individuals who share their artistic talents hoping that their winning design will grace volunteer T-shirts, beer mugs and the cover of the Program Guide at that year's ComFest. The contest brings people together and helps us

celebrate the arts community.

In early May, the annual membership meeting attracts organizers, volunteers and community organization representatives. We gather for a meal, conversation, a small amount of business, and then the most rewarding

thing we get to do each year: distribute grants to fund worthy programs of local community organizations (see page. 30).

Involvement in community projects and other city events is how ComFesters promote the spirit of the organization throughout the year. Today's organizers are the beneficiaries of over 40 years of planning and momentum, but there

is always a new challenge to find individual volunteers ready to take the next step, from working at the festival to joining a committee and making ComFest something you do rather than simply attend. Maybe this is your year to step up and put your talents to work in helping to produce the city's best annual festival. Why not surprise yourself?

— *ComFest Program Staff*



Celebrating Who We Are at the ComFest Annual Membership Meeting

Preparing to come to ComFest?

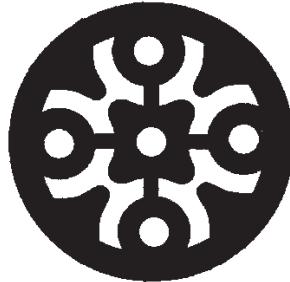
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COMMUNITY FESTIVAL STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES



The Community Festival is guided by its Principles.

The Principles are statements of what the members believe
is basically important. They are:

We think that people ought to work for the collective good of all people rather than for personal gain.

We support cooperation and collective activity rather than competition and individual profit.

The basic necessities of life are a right and not a privilege.

People have the collective right to control the conditions of their lives.

People should strive to conduct their lives in harmony with the environment.

We recognize that there are primary attitudes that divide and oppress people.

**These attitudes are usually shown by prejudice against people on the basis of age, class, ability, income,
race, sex and sexual preference/orientation.**

We seek to eliminate these attitudes.

The Statement of Principles is more important than any other writings of the Community Festival.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 PM – Follow-Up Meeting

Sunday, July 24, 1 PM – Follow-Up Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 25, 1 PM

Thursday, October 13, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, November 9, 7:30 PM

Sunday, November 20, 1 PM

Thursday, December 8, 7:30 PM

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Thursday, January 5, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 15, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 PM

Thursday, March 2, 7:30 PM – *Logo Contest*

Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 PM

Thursday, March 23, 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 30, 1 PM

Thursday, May 4, 7:30 PM – *Membership Meeting*

Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 21, 1 PM

Thursday, June 1, 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 8, 7:30 PM

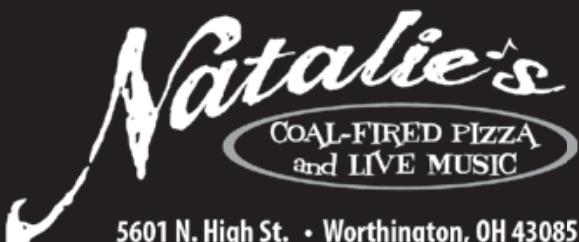
Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, June 20, 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 22 – *Final Set Up on site*

Meetings at Goodale Park Shelter House For meeting location updates: www.comfest.com

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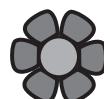
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HONORED COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Martin Yant

Wrongful incarcerations and the miscarriage of justice grab headlines when convictions are overturned and an innocent person is finally freed after years of being caught up in the system. But what about the long road to that moment when the injustice is revealed and the doors finally opened?

Investigative journalist Martin Yant's commitment to justice and a relentless search for the truth, usually against great odds, has helped free 19 wrongly convicted individuals, including two men originally sentenced to death who spent 26 years in prison and a couple incarcerated for 12 years for crimes that never occurred.

Yant's work to produce DNA evidence led to the release of Clarence Elkins, who had been convicted of murder. DNA identified the actual killer, who eventually pleaded guilty to the crime.

For his dedication to uncovering the truth and freeing the innocent, Martin Yant is ComFest's 2016 Honored Activist.

Marty was a reporter and editor at newspapers in Pittsburgh, Chicago, Mansfield, OH and at the *Columbus Dispatch* before pursuing independent journalism and private investigation.

An investigation he launched while editor of the *Mansfield News Journal* led to the conviction of the Richland County sheriff and seven deputies in 1979 on numerous corruption and assault charges.

"I was radicalized by the corruption, torture and wrongful convictions there," said Yant. "That experience set me on my life's journey to expose injustice."

He also served as editor of the *Columbus Free Press* in 1992 and freelanced for the former *Columbus*

Alive. For five years, he published the *Ohio Observer*, an investigative magazine.

"I first met Marty when he was hired as editor of the *Columbus Free Press* in March, 1992," said nominator Bill Finzel. "His background in investigation worked well for the *Free Press*, and I learned about his recently (1991) published *Presumed Guilty: When Innocent People Are Wrongly Convicted*."

The *Washington Post* named *Presumed Guilty* one of the eight most important books on miscarriages of justice ever published.

Originally from New Philadelphia, Ohio and a graduate of Georgetown University, Yant has written four other investigative books, including *Desert Mirage* (1991), in which he described how the first Bush administration deliberately obscured significant events and issues during the Persian Gulf War through its strict control of the news media.

Marty's dedication to investigating wrongful convictions and pursuing exoneration of the innocent continues today.

"When I see injustice, it concerns me greatly," he said. "And it can happen to anyone. Wrongful incarceration does not just happen to people on the margins of society."

Yant serves on the board of directors of Truth in Justice, which seeks to heighten public awareness of wrongful convictions through the web site www.truthinjustice.org. He is also a contributing editor of The Wrongful Convictions Blog (wrongfulconvictionsblog.org) sponsored by The Center for the Global Study of Wrongful Conviction.

— Marty Stutz



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As you look around the grounds at ComFest, everywhere you see evidence for why organizers chose "Powered by Community" as the slogan for this year's volunteer T-shirts.

New ideas and new art shine everywhere -- but corporate sponsorship logos are nowhere. Color-coded teams of volunteers pour beer, run five stages, engage 10 year olds in making art and assist 65 year olds in strengthening collective memory at the ComFest Museum in the shelterhouse. Professionals from all fields share their expertise in Peace Village workshops on topics ranging from police accountability to eco-poetry, and local performers vie for a chance to present their work here.

Altogether about 1,700 people collaborate to plan and produce this huge event each year, with about three dozen volunteer organizers working year-round. All those volunteers, including musicians and artists, are how this festival can be presented with no entry fee.

Why all these folks work so hard for free is what matters most. Of course everybody loves a good party, and getting paid in smiles. Organizers also have the constant inspiration of the Community Festival Statement of Principles (page XX) to keep their work centered on cooperation in the service of common good.

But nobody really works that hard, just for an idea. What holds it all together are the bonds between individuals, the network of friendships woven together in this collaboration. Those bonds are the inner strength of all successful voluntary communities, from neighborhood associations to cancer support groups. But when the vision that brings people together is social justice, and the community is intentionally inclusive, the potential for success increases exponentially.

This year witnessed the exhilarating rise of just such a community on the national stage. In a bitterly polarized political arena, a movement arose in support of a presidential candidate pressing a full progressive agenda for the first time in more than a half century. The resulting wave of activism

wis sharply different from anything the American left has seen in decades.

Starting from a clearly articulated class analysis that places wealth equality at center stage, local independent grassroots leaders complemented online strategizing with face-to-face organizing. Through online discussion, much of it centered in the social media site Reddit.com, hundreds of thousands of individuals self-organized into a national network of local communities sharing ideas and resources. Every bit of that was new.

The movement so far has been stunningly effective by any metric. A demographic segment that had been completely resistant to electoral involvment -- the mostly young, mostly indebted cohort dubbed by pollsters "The Party of Non-Voters" -- was suddenly on its feet, making phone calls, going door-to-door, donating money, writing code, and making art for the cause. The campaign's grassroots stunned pundits, upended conventional wisdom about the limits of the possible, and shifted policy debate sharply to the left.

Most important, the community that grew up around the the campaign is determined to create a new formation to carry forward the work of this political revolution. The promise of an enduring framework for progressive coalition at the national level is the heritage of these newest, youngest voters. By bringing back into the business of politics the moral imperative to build inclusive and just communities, this new wave of citizen activists is fundamentally reframing America for the better.

As Community Festival does on a much smaller scale, the progressive grassroots uprising of 2016 shows how "impossible dreams" can be achieved by an intentional community based in priciples of fairness and inclusion. No matter who winds up in the White House come November, this real political revolution will carry on, powered by community.

— Mimi Morris



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HONORED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Friends of the Ravines

Central Ohio's generally unremarkable topography is dotted with a series of unique natural treasures that most people don't know exist. Without the work of 2016's Honored Community Organization, central Ohio's ravines would risk environmental damage and possible destruction caused by disruptive human activity, development, and invasive species.

Friends of the Ravines is a nonprofit grassroots organization that promotes conservation efforts in the Franklin County area. The group seeks to preserve and restores Columbus' ravines for the benefit of the community and the wildlife that live in these natural areas.

The stability of the ravines has been directly threatened by damage caused by urban development, utility placement, destruction of trees, and the manipulation of natural waterways—all of which have disrupted the native ecosystem.

The organization began within the Clintonville Area Commission's Ravine Committee, which published its first issue of *Ravines Quarterly* in 1996. Growing interest in ravine preservation led to establishment of Friends of the Ravines. The group has no paid staff, and its operations are largely funded by supporting memberships and grants from community organizations.

Carrie Morrow, president of the Friends of the Ravines board, says the organization largely relies on the generosity of people who are focused on the preservation of Franklin County ravines, but "especially the urban ones that have been neglected."

Over time, it has become an umbrella organization that supports several ravine groups, including Iuka Ravine Association, Adena Brook Community,

Worthington Condominium Association, Bainbridge Condominium Association, and Glen Echo Ravine Association.

Preserving and promoting urban tree canopies in the ravines creates healthier waterways and cleaner air in Franklin County. Historically, ravines were viewed as convenient conduits for city sewer lines that were installed without considering ravine ecosystems. Since its inception, Friends of the Ravines has developed an ongoing dialogue with the Department of Sewers and Drains and Columbus Recreation & Parks, seeking common ground for ecological justice by educating the public and city officials.

Executive Operations Director Martha Buckalew says other organizations benefit from the group's expertise. Through its twice-yearly newsletter *Ravinia*,

Friends of the Ravines educates groups and individuals about conservation. When a community organizes a cleanup day, "We can tell people where to get resources, she says."

The organization sponsors two annual community outreach activities: a Community Forum and a Plant Walk, both open to the public without charge. The walk is held every spring and open to the public.

Friends of the Ravines also supports a K-12 countywide ravine art contest, an opportunity for area students to discover and explore nature through creative expression. "It's totally awesome," Buckalew says, "We get entries from all over Franklin County."

To learn more about our honored organization, view the *Ravinia* archive, and a map of local ravines, visit friendsoftheravines.org.

— Shanna Harrell



Photo by Shanna Harrell



Visit The Information Station

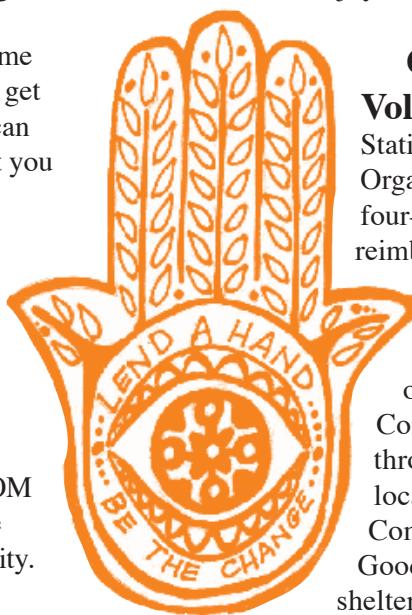
How To Find It At ComFest & How You Can Volunteer

ComFest is powered by volunteers. Without thousands of people giving their time and energy, there would be no festival. We challenge everyone to visit the Information Station just west of the park entrance at Park and Russell Streets and ask the following: "What can I do to help today?"

Information Station is where you come to volunteer, grab a Program Guide, and get useful information about ComFest. We can answer most of your questions and point you in the right direction.

Lost & Found is located at the Information Station. If you find something, or have lost something, come see us. We will do our best to help re-unite you with your things. Unclaimed items will be kept a short time after ComFest. E-mail LOST@COMFEST.COM to see if we have your lost items. Useable items not claimed will be donated to charity.

Volunteer shifts are only 4 hours. Every shift earns tokens redeemable for food and beverages all weekend and a cool ComFest T-shirt with this year's logo and slogan. Wear your T-shirt proudly, but only while working your shift. Please turn the shirt inside out when not on duty. This year volunteer rovers will help you sign up for a shift. Look for them in front of the stages.



If you signed up on the web, don't forget to work your shift.

ComFest especially needs volunteers for later shifts. All ComFest volunteers must be sober. You will enjoy ComFest more if you drink responsibly.

Community Organization

Volunteers check in at Information Station to verify the needs of your group. Organizations are required to provide six four-hour shifts to Safety or Clean-up for reimbursement of the volunteer deposit fee.

Need help finding your favorite vendor, stage or community organization? Stop by any of the five ComFest Information kiosks located throughout the park. Several kiosks are located near Information Station and ComFest Booth. Another is near the Dr. Goodale statue, and one is just east of the shelter house.

Plan ahead to help next year. Please sign up to volunteer online at comfest.com prior to the festival.

Feel free to contact us via comfest.com or Community Festival Facebook page. We are here to work with and for you.

Field Guide To ComFesters

Beer/Wine.....	Antique Cherry Red	Libations For All Tastes
Bike Corral.....	Safety Green	Pedal On In
Cleanup & Recycling...	Carolina Blue	True Blue Environmental Crew
ComFest Booth.....	Essential ComFest Merchandise	
Electric.....	Lime	Checking Out Shorts
Entertainment	Galapagos Blue	No Band is an Island
Equipment	Heather Navy	Motion to Table From the Chair
Finance.....	Gold.....	End of the Rainbow
First Aid	White	Here for Your Boo-Boos
Food Fairies	Black.....	Sustaining Our Volunteers

Healing Arts/		
Spirit & Purpose	Sky	The Spirit in the Sky
Information Station....	Purple	Plumb Good Directions
KiDSART.....	Iris	Garden of Kid Kreativity
Logistics.....	Cherry Red	Team Spirit
Parking.....	Texas Orange	Squeeze Into a Parking Spot
Program/Media.....	Orchid	Flowery Words
Safety/NO BYOB	Safety Orange	Keeping it Cool
Signage		Looking for Direction
Street Fair.....	Pistachio	Creating a Magical Village
Turf and Trees	Ash Grey	Friends of Green Things
Voter Registration.....		VOTE - Now More Than Ever



Keep ComFest Clean And Green

Respect the Party by Respecting the Park

Community Festival is a fantastic party, but every year thousands of pounds of trash are left behind. In 2015, ComFesters generated 12.14 tons of trash. Festival-goers and Clean-Up and Recycling volunteers worked together to save 7.34 tons of recyclable materials. 280 gallons of cooking oil was collected; 75 gallons will be used as an alternative fuel, and 205 gallons will be recycled for feed stock.

Unfortunately, there is no composting source for the food waste again this year. We will continue to look for an alternative for 2017. Try to purchase what you can consume so less waste is created, and take home what you can and compost at home.

ComFest shopping bags are for sale at the ComFest Booth. Use them for your ComFest gear and festival purchases. Continue to use them year-round at the grocery store.

Please help us become a zero-waste festival. Increased cleanup demands require more time and volunteers, so please do your part: clean up after yourself and volunteer to help clean up the park. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help with the clean up and recycling effort going on at ComFest. Clean-Up and Recycling has moved to an All-In-One recycling model that follows what the City of Columbus has adopted.

Enjoy ComFest more by following a few simple guidelines:

1. LEAVE NO TRACE Treat ComFest as a wilderness and leave nothing behind but your footprints. Use the trash and recycling bins. Pick up after your messy neighbor and your dog (ComFest is barefoot-friendly, after all!). This is the most important contribution you can make. If we each do a little more, no one has to do a lot.



2. VOLUNTEER for a four-hour Clean-Up and Recycling shift. You'll be rewarded with a unique T-shirt and tokens good for ComFest food and refreshments. Sign up online at comfest.com or go to Information Station and they'll point you in the right direction. Volunteers are especially needed for night shifts. Ask about volunteer opportunities for community organizations.

3. DON'T BE A GLASSHOLE

Glass containers are never allowed in the park. Broken glass is dangerous. Glass is heavy and adds to cleanup costs. Please don't bring glass into the park.

4. RECYCLE your #1 and #2 plastic beverage containers. Please empty the contents and flatten items if you can. Clearly marked containers are located throughout the park.

5. NO BYOB This is the number one way to reduce tons of trash and recycling. You can make ComFest cleaner and more environmentally friendly by leaving plastic, glass, and aluminum at home. Buy ComFest beverages and support the festival.

6. TELL US if our recycling or trash boxes are full. Clean-Up and Recycling headquarters is north of the Bozo Stage near the Shelter House.

7. RESPECT THE PARK Goodale Park is YOUR park. This 40-acre site is a gift from Dr. Lincoln Goodale, so please treat it gently.

For 44 years, Community Festival has promoted environmental awareness as a part of its celebration. Dedication to recycling and composting has always gone hand-in-hand with cleanup. Please help when and where you can!

Remember: No Planet, No Party!

We Don't Want to See Your Butts

Cigarette butts are the most commonly found man-made waste that originates on land. That butt you carelessly drop on the ground finds its way to our waterways. Please use our Butt Cans located conveniently around the park. Thanks.



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Jeff Widner and Heidi Wiemken are ideal ComFest volunteers who are always willing and able to take on multiple tasks. They are super heroes with Logistics and Jeff organizes and manages our warehouse. They also order the volunteer T-shirts. Thanks Jeff & Heidi- true rising stars with ComFest.

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Your Name Here: Would you like to see your name here? You need to volunteer. Stop by Information Station and find out how you can be one of the people who make ComFest happen. Volunteering is the only way to get the unique volunteer T-shirt featuring this year's logo design. Our Clean-Up and Recycling or Safety teams still need help in the evenings. And once again - **THANK YOU!**

\$ Living Wages for All \$

Every year Community Festival selects a slogan for the beer mug that emphasizes a political struggle that people are talking about. This year's slogan is "Living Wages for All."

A single person working 40 hour a week at minimum wage does not make enough money to live above the poverty line. A living wage is the minimum income necessary for a worker with a family to meet their basic needs

"A typical family of four (two working adults, two children) needs to work nearly two full-time minimum wage jobs each (a 77-hour work week per working adult) to earn a living wage," according to an MIT study.

A single adult's living wage in Columbus is \$9.63 an hour; a single parent with one child, \$19.23; and two adults with two children, \$21.72. The Columbus area has the highest living wage in Ohio.

However, the minimum wage in Ohio is \$8.10.

This blizzard of numbers has caused a lot of confusion about what should be demanded. Columbus

Healing Arts

Life can be very stressful. Suicide and addiction rates are increasing. Those that are active in trying to make the world a better place seem to be very susceptible. Sometimes they see all the pain and suffering in the world and find it hard to be happy when so many others aren't. The healing arts, as well as all art and music, can help us to find good health, happiness and longevity.

Columbus has a very rich healing community, and ComFest is proud to have some excellent teachers giving classes this year (see Healing Arts schedule pg. 24). Yoga, Tai Chi, Chi Kung (Qigong) and other healing disciplines can help reduce stress, aid in relaxation, help develop energy, promote health, prevent illness, achieve mental and spiritual peace, and help to create a deep knowledge that can give you a better understanding of the world.

— Darryl Mendelson

City Council has called for a \$12 to \$15 state mandated minimum wage, presidential candidate Hillary Clinton calls for \$12 to \$13 living wage, and presidential candidate Bernie Sanders says \$15 is a living wage.

Most fast food and big box store workers and their union allies support the \$15 living wage. Fifteen dollars an hour seems best to meet the needs of working families.

Some European countries are going one step further by calling for a basic income. This sets a yearly income level for each adult whether they are employed or not. These countries have a higher minimum wage than their basic income level.

No matter what number you choose, it is clear that the minimum wage is inadequate. The adoption of the living wage standard would boost many people and their families out of poverty.

To find out more, go to fightfor15.org

— Michael Weber

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

HEALING ARTS

11 AM – Cultivating Your Vital Energy

Darryl Mendelson

MEET BY LIVE ARTS STAGE

PEACE TENT

3 PM – WGRN

Columbus' Green Radio Station

5:30 PM – Trulie Awesome

Dance and Comedy

6:20 PM – Comedy Improv Workshop

Jeff Gage

7:30 PM – ComFest Comedy Club

A line-up of some of the funniest comics in Columbus!

SOLAR STAGE

12:40 PM – Young Songwriters - Ages 8 to 12

Dave Hawkins

3:05 PM – The Next Left

Anita Waters & Aaron Suarez

5:55 PM – Columbus Communities Forum

Discussion of Columbus Development and Trends

A.J. Vanderelli, Travis Hoevischer, Bobby Silver

SATURDAY

SAT 9 AM – Rise and Shine Yoga Flow

Yoga Well Being

10 AM – Luna Rising Yoga

Cynthia Clem

10 AM – Chen Taiji of Ohio

MEET WEST OF THE POND

11 AM – Pilates

Barb Markowitz

NOON – Mucus-free - The Original Vegan Diet

Prof. Spira

1 PM – Qigong

Jeff Radcliff

2 PM – Yang Builder Qigong - The Hawk and Other Hunters

Steven Rendina

10 AM – Yoga Enlarged - For Full-Figured Yogis

10 AM – Chen Taiji of Ohio

MEET WEST OF THE POND

11 AM – Chi Kung (Qigong)

Darryl Mendelson

NOON – Habit-changing Hypnotherapy

Andrew Davis

1 PM – Glistening Meditation

Frank Tennyson

2 PM – Yang Taiji Basics

Jack Anderson



SUNDAY

NOON – Equal for All?

Progress Ohio

1 PM – I Think I Found a Mound While Truckin' Around Downtown: The Legacy of Ohio's Ancient Mounds and Earthworks in the 21st Century

Ohio History - Bill Pickard

2 PM – Human Trafficking Campaign

Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services:

3:30 PM – Ask a Mustard Gardener

Performance

4 PM – Ecopoetry

Susann Moeller, Nancy Nixon & Maggie Henry

5:30 PM – Medical Marijuana Without the Monopoly: Where Do We Stand?

Lissa Satori

6:15 PM – Poetry Reading

*Betty Bleen, Cynthia Amoah, Kerry Trauman, Alexis-Rueal,
Susann Moeller, Steve Abbott*

8 PM – Fake Bacon

Comedy Sketch Troup

11 AM – Sacred Bowls Revisited

Ben and Joann Nagel

NOON – Yes We Can Community Activists/Community Issues

1 PM – Voter Registration Training

Ohio Student Association

2 PM – Boys Act and Girls Appear: Why Gender Stereotypes Persist in Popular Culture

Dr. Sarah Murnen

3 PM – Social Action Song Swap

Joanie Calem and Brian Clash

4 PM – It's All Been Done Radio Hour

Modern Comedy - Old Time Radio Style

5:30 PM – Oddfellows

Zany Comedy and More

1:05 PM – Community Bill of Rights

Greg Pace

2 PM – Free Press Salon

Bob Fitakis; Suzanne Patzer

3:20 PM – Creative Control

Artists Create Change

5:05 PM – Hip Hop Panel

*Speak Williams, SupraNatra, Dominique Larue,
Nes Wordz, J Rawls*

6:05 PM – Art for social justice: Guante

11:35 AM – Vegan Connection

Eryiah Flynn

1 PM – Ending Poverty

Fadhel Kaboub, Simone Morgan

2:35 PM – Simply Living 4 E's Meet Up: Environment, Economy, Equity and Education

*Sierra Club, Interfaith Power & Light, SOLE,
Small Business Beanstalk, Franklinton Gardens, Care & Share
Time Bank, Northwest Earth Institute, SLSU*

4:25 PM – Everyday Sexism in Central Ohio

Sarah Cherry

5:25 PM – Rock & Roll Book Club

Pat Buzzard, Chuck Johnson, Ryan Smith, Mark Dantzer



Spirit and Purpose Special Speakers



FRIDAY

Catherine Girves - Two Wheelers

Catherine Girves is a year-round bicycle commuter and executive director of Yay Bikes!, an organization helping people travel more places more often by bike. Yay Bikes! touches thousands of people annually, helping folks to safely travel public roads lawfully and joyfully.

Jazz Stage 3:40 PM

Lori Gum - LGBTQIA Issues

Lori Gum serves Stonewall Columbus as their Program and Pride Coordinator. She is a long-time LGBTQIA rights advocate, writer, and member of the Columbus community. **Bozo Stage 4:35 PM**

Community Bill of Rights

Activists perform a street theater skit produced by Carolyn Harding about the regulatory capture in Ohio by oil/gas interests. Who controls Ohio's fossil resources and what difference does it make?

Off Ramp Stage 5:15 PM

Simone Morgan, long-active leader with Democratic Socialists of Central Ohio, member of the National Political Committee of DSA, and board member of the Central Ohio Workers Center, speaks to the wave of millennial discontent with limited possibilities and the demand for fairness and opportunities for a better life.

Gazebo Stage 5:30 PM



SATURDAY

Do You Know What Planned Parenthood Does - Really? Amelia Hayes is the director of public affairs for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio. She is the former outreach coordinator for Policy Matters Ohio, a prominent statewide policy research organization, and a legislative aide for State Representatives Fred Strahorn and Kenny Yuko. She believes that change comes from both good policy and community organizing.

Off Ramp Stage 2:30 PM

In Support of Labor - A Little Justice for Working People Kris Harsh has been an organizer for over a decade. He works with progressive groups such as Stand Up for Ohio, the Alliance of Charter School Teachers, and ACORN. His work focuses on combating big banks, unionizing charter school teachers, and preventing childhood lead poisoning in urban areas. He currently lives in Cleveland, Ohio. When not fighting The Man, he writes bad country music. **Jazz Stage 2:45 PM**



Awards Ceremony: Each year ComFest honors people and awards grants to organizations that make Columbus a great community. Read about them in this Program Guide. Meet and congratulate them at **Bozo Stage 3:30 PM**

Dr. Susann Moeller : Water, Water Everywhere -- You Think Former watershed coordinator and committee member of Clean Ohio Funds, and now executive director of the Central Ohio Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, the oldest conservation league in the country, Dr. Moeller will talk about her experience with wetlands and non-point source pollution from agriculture and residential developments. She will present new technologies and measures everyone can take to reduce impact on water pollution and supply right here in Columbus, as we increase urban building density, and urban farms and community gardens.

Gazebo Stage 5:30 PM



SUNDAY

Guante is a Minneapolis spoken word artist, national poetry slam champion, and educator. He uses his performances, including dialogue w/ audiences, to integrate art and social justice activism.

Bozo Stage 3:50 PM

Bill Foley "Between Songs" - Bill has been sharing his music with the community for years. After he was critically injured in a bizarre machete attack during a gig, the community came together to give a little back. Bill tells his story between songs. **Gazebo Stage 2:35 PM**

Ruben Castilla Herrera - Organizing for Justice

Ruben is a prominent community organizer and activist in Columbus and beyond. His work encompasses workers rights, immigration justice, and human rights wherever injustice occurs. He has been honored for his activism by ComFest and the Free Press, among others.

Sunday. Off Ramp 3:35 PM. **Off Ramp Stage 3:35 PM**

Voting Rights - Mary Jo Kilroy has been involved in our community as an activist, attorney and public servant. Attacks on voting rights and voter suppression, especially in minority communities, have been rampant in recent years. Mary Jo will reflect on the past and explain how the fight for voting rights continues today. **Jazz Stage 3:40 PM**



Workshop Information and Details

Throughout the Weekend

Poetry Saturday 2 PM Bill Hurley on the Live Arts Stage. 4 PM Eco-Poetry Workshop in the Peace Tent. 6:15 PM ComFest Poetry Cafe w/ Steve Abbott, Betty Bleen, Kerry Trauman, Alexis-Rueal, Susann Moeller & Cynthia Amoah in the Peace Tent. **Sunday** 6:25 PM Is Said & The Advance Party, on the Live Arts Stage. 7:15 PM Poetry Slam, on the Live Arts Stage.

Friday

Young Songwriters, Dave Hawkins

Want to write songs? Discover where ideas come from, how teams work together creatively, how to push a song to completion. Youngsters brainstorm and create a song in this workshop. **12:40 PM Solar Stage**

WGRN is on Air Tune your FM dial to 94.1 to hear green, women's, music, and syndicated progressive programs. **3 PM Peace Tent**

The Next Left - Denison professor Anita Waters and Capital University student Aaron Suarez explore the post-election future: how to maintain the momentum of social movements that have emerged across the country in the Bernie Sanders campaign, protests against over-policing in the African-American community, struggles to maintain labor and voting rights. What should be strategic priorities, and how to keep up the pressure to realize our goals? **3:05 PM Solar Stage**

Community Forum - Development in Columbus - Community Forum considers social and cultural issues that make Columbus tick, effects of development on neighborhoods, and trends informing the future of the city. Leading the discussion are non-profit gallery owner A. J. Vanderelli, near east-side activist Billy Silver, and *614 Magazine* editor Travis Hoewischer. **5:55 PM Solar Stage**

Improv Workshop with Jeff Gage - Join Jeff for a serious look at improvisational comedy. A true collaborative art.

6:20 PM Peace Tent

Saturday

Equality for All... but when it comes to economic and health issues, you may not qualify, especially if you're a woman. Progress Ohio provides

some statistics and insight, plus a score card to see where Ohio lawmakers stand on equality. **Noon Peace Tent**

"I Think I Found a Mound While I Was Truckin' Around Downtown: The Legacy of Ohio's Ancient Mounds and Earthworks in the 21st Century" - Join Bill Pickard, assistant curator of Archaeology at Ohio History Connection for this popular presentation. Ohio was once home to thousands of ancient burial mounds and geometric earthworks. Most have disappeared, but remnants remain—maybe in your backyard! **1 PM Peace Tent**

Participatory Representative Democracy in Action - Community Bill of Rights Balanced and meaningful access to our shared common resources such as water, air, soil, food, civil rights and social justice is an inalienable right. Our public sector is only as responsive to our rights as we demand that they be. Participatory representative democracy is NOT a given, If we don't use it, we lose it! **1:05 PM Solar Stage**

Human Trafficking Awareness, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services ETSS

Find out how to prevent human trafficking. Learn to identify hot spots, risk factors, and warning signs of human trafficking. Receive training about what to do when you suspect human trafficking. Instruction by ETSS, which helps new arrivals from all countries establish roots and gain self-sufficiency in Central Ohio. **2 PM Peace Tent**

Free Press Salon: Will the 2016 Election Be Stolen? It's a tradition at ComFest. Drop by the tent to find out more about the Free Press in Columbus, and enjoy some entertainment and stimulating conversation. **2 PM Solar Stage**

Creative Control Fest: Using Art for Social Change Join Creative Control for an engaging group discussion about using art to effect social change. Creative Control Fest is a grassroots initiative aimed at bringing together emerging ethnic and culturally diverse talent from Franklin County's art and design sectors through exhibits, lectures, workshops and other events. **3:20 PM Solar Stage**

Ask a Mustard Gardener Have a gardening problem? This performance provides the best dirt during a hilarious Q & A session between urban dwellers plagued by evasive pests and invasive nuisances and the Mustards of all knowledge. Get the best answer to your gardening question: bring a sample of the plant (or insect, spider, etc.) or provide a photograph. **3:30 PM Peace Tent**

Workshop Information and Details

Eco Poetry Workshop - This year's focus is water conservation in home and garden. Following "Ask a Mustard Gardener," samples of topical EcoPoems and the basic elements of poetry will inspire an hour of guided writing, after which the poems are juried. Winners receive cash prizes and the opportunity to read their poem on the Bozo Stage. Facilitators: Nancy Nixon, Maggie Henry, Susann Moeller.

4 PM Peace Tent

Hip Hop & Social Change Panel Discussion Columbus-based hip hop artists discuss how their art promotes social change. Panel includes J. Rawls (Columbus pioneer and legend), SupaNatra (owner of Magna Media Group, Production & Artist Management), Nes Wordz (nationally touring artist/activist), Speak Williams (artist, activist, and educator), and Dominique Larue (Columbus artist, licensed music through television and movies). **5:05 PM SolarStage**

Medical Marijuana without the Monopoly Lissa Satori has worked with a number of marijuana legalization groups in Ohio. Find out what legalizing medical marijuana in Ohio means for employers, law enforcement, state revenue, patients no longer being criminalized and more. **5:30 PM Peace Tent**

Guante Workshop - Minneapolis spoken word artist Guante brings his politically charged perspectives to discuss creating effective social justice-oriented art and how to integrate the arts effectively into our movements and campaigns. (see page 31 for more information about Guante)

6:05 PM Peace Tent

Sunday

Sacred Bowls Revealed, Ben and Joann Nagel What better way to begin Sunday than basking in the sound of music from sacred bowls, cultural and spiritual representations of far-away countries and civilizations. Enjoy this mellow ComFest moment. **11 AM Peace Tent**

Vegan Food and Gardening, Eriyah Flynn Raising and eating meat is the number one human activity affecting climate change. Give vegan food a try and learn to grow and prepare your own animal-free diet. Good for you, good for the planet. **11:35 AM SolarStage**

Yes We Can Yes We Can community activists support average citizens controlling local politics rather than big money interests. Discussion will

center around the ward system versus at-large representation in City Council. Bring your questions and perspective. **Noon Peace Tent**

Ending Poverty, Fadhel Kaboub and Simone Morgan Poverty continues to grow despite government programs and private charities. There are remedies - why don't we employ them? Find out how to finally END poverty. **1 PM SolarStage**

Boys Act and Girls Appear: Why Gender Stereotypes Persist in Popular Culture, Dr. Sarah K. Murnen, Kenyon College. More than 40 years ago art historian John Berger wrote, "Males act and females appear." What does this mean? Why do gender stereotypes persist? Are stereotypes harmful? This session will feature a presentation of Dr. Murnen's findings followed by discussion. **2 PM Peace Tent**

Simply Living 4 E's Meet Up "Environment, Economy, Equity and Education." Discover how local organizations are working toward one goal: a healthy, sustainable, vibrant community and planet. Meet movers and shakers—Sierra Club, Interfaith Power and Light, SOLE, Small Business Beanstalk, Franklinton Gardens, Care and Share Time Bank, Simply Living Sustainable University, Northwest Earth Institute.

2 PM SolarStage

SASS - Social Action Song Swap, Joanie Calem and Brian Clash A round-robin sharing of music for progressive change both historic and contemporary. Bring a song, bring your voice, and fill the Peace Tent with music. **3 PM Peace Tent**

Everyday Sexism in Central Ohio -Sarah Cherry Help eliminate mansplaining, privilege, deflecting, victim-blaming, appearance policing, sex abuse, slut-shaming, pay inequality, dress codes, micro-aggressions, all-male panels, street harassment, cat-calling, bathroom bills, intersectionality, anti-woman bias baked into everyday situations. Come share, laugh, feel supported.

4:25 PM SolarStage

Rock and Roll Book Club - Pat Buzzard, Chuck Johnson, Ryan Smith and Mark Dantzer An entertaining panel will engage the audience in lively conversation around books about music. The club does podcasts of their regular book reviews. They will include a brief live musical performance at the conclusion of their workshop.

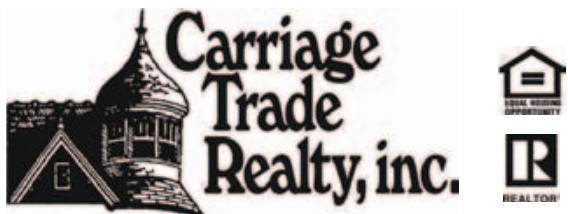
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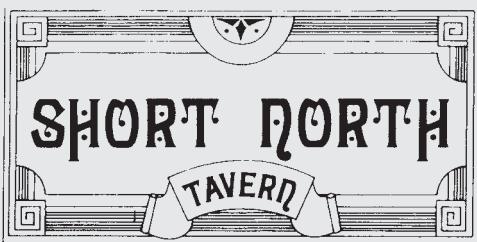


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COMFEST HONORED ARTIST

Joanie Calem

The Community Festival has long attracted artists of many schools. The various art forms are evident throughout the Festival. Visual, musical, and culinary arts are abundant and integral to the festival. Social activism is also central to ComFest, but it's a special person who is both artist and activist.

Many local artists have grown with the festival, and some have helped it grow. This year's Honored Artist, Joanie Calem, has done both.

ComFest is a wonderful vehicle for artists in part due to her good deeds. Joanie has been active either performing or volunteering. Using her musical talents to express her social activism, she was involved in and managed Festival programs such as the Peace and Wellness tents, the anti-SB 5 sing-alongs, and the Social Action Song Swap Workshop.

Yet Joanie is a social activist for more than just the three days of the Festival.

In the U.S. and abroad, she has devoted herself and her art to peace and justice communities. Her art form follows the folk music traditions of a singer-songwriter, specializing in music for children and those with special needs. Because of the success of her work in the community, enthusiastic audiences follow her to ComFest.

Longtime ComFest volunteer Leslie Zak says, "Joanie is one who walks—or sings—the talk...and makes opportunities where she can to include local artists in musical events, rally singing, and progressive activism."

She adds, "For many years Joanie has served ComFest, the Central Ohio Folk Music Society, the Children's Music Network" and numerous progressive causes. This level of devotion to social activism and community is exactly what we mean when we say, "Live every day the ComFest way."

Mimi Morris, ComFest Program Guide editor, notes, "Joanie Calem has an extensive online footprint. Just Google her name!" Indeed, a search will find her landing page titled "Sing Along Folk Music for All Ages". The list of schools and organizations Joanie has worked with is long and impressive: libraries, community centers, religious organizations, and pre- and summer school programs.

Locally, Joanie Calem has been getting kids to sing and move for more than 10 years. Before that, she worked in Israel, where she was instrumental in bringing Arab and Jewish citizens

together through the arts. She has made fans of families and children because her music is playful and reflective of her commitment to peace, environmental issues, and empowerment. A member of the Central Ohio Folk Society and Mamapalooza as well as president emeritus of the national Children's Music Network, she reaches out to artists from multicultural communities, encouraging them to engage with kids.

Joanie Calem is a spirited asset to our community, and we congratulate her as 2016's Honored Artist.

— Jonathan Johns



Photo by Michael Gruber



Principles In Action: Community Festival Grants

ComFest isn't just a weekend in June. The organization reaches into the community 365 days a year by funding individuals and organizations with community-based projects that align with the ComFest Statement of Principles (see page 9).

In 2016, the ComFest Grants Committee awarded \$15,000 to fully or partially fund grants to 11 community groups.

Actor's Theatre –

Summer camp scholarships for youth, offering them the opportunity to participate in professional theatrical training, production and performance experiences.

Creative Strings –

Scholarships for students to participate in workshops introducing improvisation, composition and contemporary, non-classical musical style to beginning and advanced youth string players.

Central Ohio Green Education Fund – WGRN

Radio Women's Programming Initiative. Startup expenses for 2016 inaugural broadcast year, including music licenses. WGRN's mission is to seek out, promote, and broadcast radio programming that centers on the knowledge, experience, culture and perspectives of women, with a focus on the environment, arts, and social justice.

Community Organizing Center –

Southside Community Collaborative Teen Institute, focused on building a safe, productive and healthy neighborhood. The institute seeks to connect community and clinicallybased organizations to address the trauma and celebrate the resiliency of Southside youth and families.

Cornerstone of Hope –

In-School Grief Support Group. This program for disadvantaged children and youth with a focus on Columbus City Schools gives elementary, middle and high school groups a safe place to grieve and the support they need utilizing traditional and

expressive arts counseling methods.

Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services – Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign featuring training and workshops for immigrant and refugee communities in central Ohio. Adults and students at after-school sites will receive culturally-sensitive trainings to help prevent trafficking and increase awareness.

Franklin County Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) –

Participants at the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention walk will create remembrance jewelry, and a monthly survivor scrapbook group will offer a place for survivors to meet one another in a safe place to talk about their loss.

Franklin Cycle Works –

Expanded neighborhood access to the organization through installation of an outdoor bicycle air pump and maintenance station.

Good Neighbors of Central Ohio –

Transportation to and from local shelters for the Good Neighbors Picnic in Goodale Park, providing a carefree day of celebration for homeless individuals.

Third Hand Bicycle Co-op –

LED lighting conversion at the Co-op will provide a more sustainable solution for the organization's energy demands.

Vanderelli Room –

Artist Holistic Integrative Educational Program allowing young artists age 12-18 with autism and other disabilities to experience art-making and art education alongside their typically-developing peers.

The Grant awards ceremony will be held on the Bozo Stage on Saturday at 3:30. Join us to celebrate the people and organizations that live the ComFest Statement of Principles every day. You can check out the ComFest website at comfest.com for more information and details on how to apply.

— Melanie Boyd



Photo by: Michael Gruber

COMFEST FEATURED ARTIST

Guante

Music and poetry have always been vehicles for expressing deeply felt emotions. For millennia, humans have reached beyond the literal aspects of language to convey thoughts and feelings that they were either unable or forbidden to say directly. Whether probing the unconscious, revealing overwhelming affection, or mocking the king, these art forms have been doorways to our most personal thoughts.

In this very important election year, when fear and disillusion are feeding the darkest parts of what humans can be and hope for fundamental change is fueling young people's renewed interest in political action, ComFest is thrilled to host Guante, a spoken word and hip hop artist who devotes his work to social justice and activism.

Kyle Tran Myrhe, known since 2009 as Guante, is an MC, two-time National Poetry Slam champion, activist, educator, and writer. He or his work has appeared on news and culture sites Upworthy, MSNBC, Welcome to Night Vale, Racialicious, Feministing, MPR, Everyday Feminism, and *The Progressive*. He has performed everywhere from the United Nations and the Soundset hip hop festival to hundreds of colleges, clubs, and theaters across the country.

Unapologetically social justice-minded, Guante has shared stages with artists like Saul Williams, Michael Franti, Dead Prez, Rage Against the Machine, Sage Francis, and Andrea Gibson.

Guante approaches his songs and poems as a participant in social change rather than an observer who wiles away the hours complaining about injustice or casually advocating "change" and "revolution." For him,

art is about activism, about moving beyond just caring and taking action in concert with others.

"You can't just *be* into it," he says. "You have to *get* into it."

Whether deconstructing traditional notions of masculinity, challenging dominant narratives related

to race and racism, or just telling stories about different jobs he's had, the 33-year-old Minnesota native pushes boundaries of both form and substance.

His poem and song titles reveal a willingness to confront social issues: "You Say Millionaire Like It's a Good Thing", "How to Explain White Supremacy to a White Supremacist", "Consent at 10,000 Feet", and "Ten Responses to the Phrase 'Man Up'".

Guante also serves as a teaching artist, engaging in writing and performance residencies with youth as well as regularly facilitating workshops and classes on a range of social justice issues.

He has delivered keynote presentations at the ACPA/College Student Educators International Social Justice Institute, Tomorrow's Leaders Today conference, and the American Multicultural Student Leadership Conference among many others.

Guante will be giving a workshop and a performance during his two days at ComFest to help show us what we can do to make a difference NOW.

Workshop: Saturday June 25 at 6:05 PM Solar Stage.

Performance: Sunday June 26 at 3:50 on the Bozo Stage.

— Gabor Klein and Steve Abbott



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This Program Guide is brought to you in living color for easier navigation around the map and entertainment, workshop and speaker schedules.

FIND YOURSELF AT COMFEST

While enjoying the sights, sounds and experiences of ComFest, remember to be kind to yourself. Too much sun is no fun! Sit under a shady tree or visit the ComFest Museum in the air-conditioned Shelterhouse at the center of the park, and drink plenty of sensible, non-alcoholic beverages. Also remember to eat, especially salty foods, so that your body has fuel to keep on playing. If you start to feel dizzy or confused, that could be a sign that your body needs help from the good folks at First Aid. They'll be happy to help and fix you right up!

There are several booths that are selling ice cold water as noted on the map. Visit the Bottle less Water booth in the Street Fair section north of the Solar Stage in Peace Village. You can buy a refillable water bottle there and at the ComFest Merchandise booth which you can re-use and help keep plastic bottles out of the landfill.

Be kind to yourself, be kind to your world.



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FRIDAY JUNE 24

BOZO

GAZEBO

OFF RAMP

God's Dirt
NOON

The Tom Beardslee Band
12:55 PM

Wednesday Wine
1:50 AM

Trachete
2:45 PM

Paisha
3:40 PM

 Lori Gum: LGBTQIA Issues
4:35 PM

Brave Weather
5:05 AM

The Pleasant Tense
6 PM

The Flex Crew
6:55 PM

The Girls!
7:55 PM

The Worn Flints
8:55 PM

Bummers
9:55 PM

The Brrz
NOON

George Barrie Band
12:55 PM

Betsy Ross
1:50 PM

Urban Tropic
2:45 PM

Fox N Hounds
3:40 PM

Manitoa
4:35 PM

 Simone Morgan
5:30 PM

Erika Hughes & The Well Mannered
6 PM

Cowboy Hillbilly Hippy Folk
6:55 PM

Hocking River String Band
7:55 PM

Electric Orange Peel
8:55 PM

Yosemighth
9:55 PM

WINE BOOTHS HAVE A NEW LOOK

Wine has merged with the Mixed Drinks/Liquor bars at both the Jazz and Off-Ramp bars. Same wine options and now easier to find. This will allow for you to order wine, mead, and/or mixed beverage in one stop. The Park Street Booth will remain an independent booth within Street Fair just outside the park entrance.

The selections remain Ohio produced. For fans of reds, we have Pinot Noir and a full-bodied Country Estate Cabernet blend. We have a refreshingly sweet crisp Riesling and a light Pinot Grigio with citrus and herb infusions. And, continuing tradition, we have a local, sweet favorite—Ginger Chamomile Meade that boasts a delightful vanilla overtone to the hint of spices.

Stop by the Wine and Mixed Drinks bars and taste the steadily growing, award-winning sophistication of Ohio craftsmanship. We're sure you'll be pleased. (cheese not included!)

— Lu Brammer

The Bascinets
NOON

The Cadence
12:45 PM

Dh Experiment
1:30 PM

Steven King
2:15 PM

Weedhaven Laughing Academy
3 PM

Sam & The Barbers
3:45 PM

Heroes Like Villains
4:30 PM

 Community Bill of Rights
5:15 PM

Egone Gone & The Sun Gods
5:45 PM

Salvage
6:30 PM

Fisher
7:15 PM

Coco
8 PM

Sin Nombre
8:45 PM

Erthbrnr
9:35 PM

The Whiteouts
10:20 PM

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FOR WORKSHOP AND
SPEAKER DETAILS

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PURPOSE

FRIDAY JUNE 24

JAZZ

LIVE ARTS

SOLAR

Ms Sara D
NOON

Drum & Dance Circle
NOON

Children's Music Network
NOON

Positive Energy
12:55 PM

Brian Clash Band
12:50 PM

Young Persons Songwriting
w/Dave Hawkins
12:40 PM

Turtle Boat
1:50 PM

Forever Unknown & Young Rebel Ghosts
1:45 PM

Joanie Calem
2:30 PM

The Broadstreet Lineup
2:45 PM

Mr. Eric and Friends
2:40 PM

Workshop: The Next Left
3:05 PM

 Catherine Girves: Two Wheelers
3:40 PM

Girlz Rhythm N' Rock Camp
3:25 PM

Stevie and Shane
3:55 PM

Ryan Folger Octet
4:10 PM

Westminster-Thurber Drummers
4:10 PM

Be Jae Fleming w/Jackie Blount
4:30 PM

Center Trio
5:05 PM

El Ritmo Flamenco Ensemble
5:05 PM

Caamp
5:15 PM

Angel Radio Live
6 PM

Sacred Shimmy Tribal Bellydance
6:40 PM

Workshop: Columbus Communities Forum
5:55 PM

Tim Dvorkin Trio
6:55 PM

Jacoti Sommes
7:20 PM

Singer Songwriter In The Round: Carole
Walker, Peter Conrad and Mark See
6:45 PM

Sean Carney & Tonky de la Pena
7:50 PM

Copywrite
7:40 PM

Folquinox
7:35 PM

Chickenhawk Birdgetters
8:50 PM

Crimson Lace Cabaret
8:30 PM

Singer Songwriter In The Round: Dave
Hawkins/Sarah Cooperrider/ Kelly Vaughn
8:20 PM

Jim Maneri's Flypaper
9:55 PM

Columbus Burlesque Collective
9:10 PM

Jason and Michelle
9:10 PM

Electrocult Circus
10 PM

Kelly Zullo & The Invisible Circus
9:45 PM

Remember, it's everybody's job to maintain the mellow!

The Devil Doves
10:20 PM

Photo by: Michael Gruber



LAST CALL!

All bars and wine booths will be closing at the same time. The closing times are:

Friday: 10:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 pm.

**Drink Responsibly
Have a Designated Driver**

Three Word Descriptions

Photos by Mara Gruber



2nd Hand Soul.....	Soul Soultaastic Sounds
The 3rd Power.....	Elev8Thegame
Alexis-Rueal.....	Performance Poet
All Star Jammerz	High Energy Reggae
Angel Radio Live.....	Truthful Beautiful Homecoming
The Apostles.....	Funky Good Time
Ask a Mustard Gardener.....	Plants Bugs Anyone?
Barry Chern & Co.....	Traditional Original Acoustic
The Bascinets.....	Fun-Having Indie Rock
Be Jae Fleming with Jackie Blount	Americana Folk
Bellydance Columbus.....	Middle Eastern Dance
Betsy Ross.....	Indie Rock Band
Betty Bleen.....	Poet
Bhakti Mamas	Mantras/Sacred Music
Bill Hurley.....	Poet
Bloodthirsty Virgins.....	Bloodthirsty Torch Rock
Bob Ras.....	Roots Rock Reggae
Brave Weather.....	Indie Power Rock
The Brian Clash Band	Folk Rock Punk
The Broadstreet Lineup	Funky Fast Bump
The Brrz.....	Bluesy Classic Rock
Brujas Del Sol.....	Space Rock
The Bug Hounds.....	Classics, Originals, Horns
Bummers.....	Beach Fuzzz
Caamp	Banjo, Guitar, Jam
The Cadence.....	Feel Good Blues
Canta Brasil.....	Intriguing Brazilian Rhythms
Cathy Wicks & The Catbirds	Empowering Love Rock
Center Trio.....	Jazzy Original Pop
Chen Taiji of Ohio	Chen Style Taiji
Cherry Chrome.....	Alternative Spunk Rock
Chi Kung with Darryl Mendelson.....	Nurturing Your Lifeforce

Chickenhawk BirdGetters	Funky Jazz Offensive
Children's Music Network.....	Kid Friendly Concert
Chittenden Hotel	Dylan Gone Funky
Circus of Cool.....	Jazz, Poetry. Dig?
Coco	Indie Pop Rock
Columbus Burlesque Collective.....	Classy Sexy Dames!!
Columbus Contra Dancers.....	Balance and Swing
Columbus Karma Thegsum Choling	Chenrezig Kirtan
Conscious Pilot.....	Are You Conscious?
Copywrite	Spontaneity Energy Fun
Correy Parks	Passionate Inspiring Leader
Cowboy Hillbilly Hippy Folk	Psychedelic Kind Grass
Crimson Lace Cabaret.....	Performing Arts Troupe
Dana	Avant-Garage Post-Nasal Drip
Dancersdust.....	Modern Dance Improvisation
The Daves.....	Columbus Tumblr Punk
The Deeptones.....	Deep Soulful Funk
Descendre	Electric Jazz Fusion



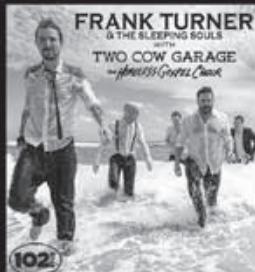
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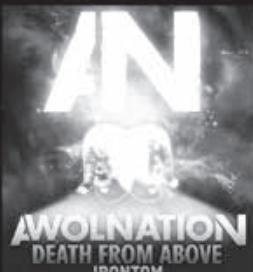
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JUNE 5 • EXPRESS LIVE!
OUTDOORS



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THE LEVEL UP TOUR
ALL AGES



JUNE 10 • NEWPORT

JUNE 14 • EXPRESS LIVE!

JUNE 18 • EXPRESS LIVE!

JULY 5 • EXPRESS LIVE!
OUTDOORS

JULY 6 • EXPRESS LIVE!



JULY 27 • EXPRESS LIVE!
OUTDOORS

JULY 28 • EXPRESS LIVE!
OUTDOORS

AUG. 12 • EXPRESS LIVE!

AUG. 25 • EXPRESS LIVE!

SEPT. 9 • EXPRESS LIVE!
OUTDOORS



SEPT. 10 • EXPRESS LIVE!

FLAMING LIPS | MODEST MOUSE | SNOOP DOGG | BRAND NEW

RYAN ADAMS • TEARS FOR FEARS • LL COOL J • MAC MILLER

THE DECEMBERISTS • NOEL GALLAGHER'S HIGH FLYING BIRDS • FITZ & THE TANTRUMS • MILKY CHANCE

ALL TIME LOW • GARAGE • LINDSEY STIRLING • X AMBASSADORS • J. RODDY WALSTON & THE BUSINESS

MOON TAXI • ATLAS GENIUS • THE WOMSGATS • BLACK LIPS • ALUNAJADEGEORGE • RJD2 • THE DEAR HUNTER

RED WANTING BLUE • BLACK PISTOL FIRE • AUSTIN PLAINE • GRIZFOLK • HOLY WHITE ROUNDS

THE WORLD IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE & I AM NO LONGER AFRAID TO DIE • BANNERS • MIMICKING BIRDS

PUP • COAST MODERN • FINISH TICKET • COPYWRITE • NICK D' & THE BELIEVERS

FOREST & THE EVERGREENS • LONESOME AS GOLD • WAY YES • THE WORN FLINTS

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SATURDAY JUNE 25

BOZO

KrisB's Midnight Railroad
11 AM

Dougie Simpson & The Faith Band
11:50 AM

The Bug Hounds
12:45 PM

Tim Easton
1:40 PM

2nd Hand Soul
2:35 PM

 ComFest Awards Ceremony
3:30 PM

Ekoostik Hookah
4:10 PM

All Star Jammerz
5:20 PM

Willie Phoenix & The Soul Underground
6:20 PM

The Third Power
7:15 PM

Nes Wordz
7:50 PM

Dominique Larue
8:20 PM

GAZEBO

Stone Fruit
11 AM

The Ghost Town Railroad
11:50 AM

Strange Grain
12:45 PM

Phamily Band
1:40 PM

 Hurl and the Spins Feat. John Hurlbut
2:35 PM

Barry Chern & Company
3:30 PM

Chittenden Hotel
4:30 PM

 Susann Moeller: Water Issues
5:30 PM

Mendelsonics
6 PM

Patrick McLaughlin Band
7 PM

Megan Palmer
8 PM

OFF RAMP

The Resistors
11:30 AM

The Methmatics
12:15 PM

SHVS
1 PM

Gudger
1:45 PM

 Amelia Hayes: Planned Parenthood
2:30 PM

The Daves'
3 PM

Cherry Chrome
3:45 PM

DANA
4:30 PM

Bloodthirsty Virgins
5:15 PM

Hellroys
6 PM

Mummula
6:45 PM

Electric Hand
7:30 PM

Garbage Greek
8:15 PM

COMEDY CLUB 'LAUFFEST'
SERIOUSLY FUNNY

Comedy troupes and sketches and stand-up comics own the night at Peace Tent. Friday features the (d)antics of Trulie Awesome and ComFest Comedy Club with Matt Ward, Mary Miller, Dustin Meadows, Troy Hammond, Leslie Battle, and Dustin Meadows. Saturday night Fake Bacon performs, and Sunday welcomes It's All Been Done Radio Hour, a scripted modern comedy series in the style of old-time radio, with Oddfellows quirky humor closing out the day.



Photo by: Michael Gruber

SATURDAY JUNE 25

JAZZ

Vaughn Wiester	NOON
Don Norman Band	12:55 PM
Kelly McClellan +5	1:50 PM
Kris Harsh: Justice for Working People	2:45 PM
Circus of Cool	3:15 PM
Radarhill	4:10 PM
Jazz Poetry Ensemble	5:05 PM
Safety Squad	6 PM
Fo/Mo/Deep	6:55 PM
EOP	7:55 PM

LIVE ARTS

Columbus Karma Thegsum Choling	11 AM
Tai Chi w/Paul Brown	11:55 AM
Movement Afoot	12:40 PM
The Muppet Mayhem Band	1:10 PM
Tai Chi w/music by Paul Brown	2 PM
Mortimur	2:40 PM
Dancersdust	3:30 PM
Future Modern	4:15 PM
The Speakeasy	5:05PM
Mas Bagua	6:05 PM
Sistah Ngoma & Spirit Drummers	7 PM
Pat Funderburg's Afro-Rhythms	7:35 PM
Drum & Dance Circle	7:50 PM

SOLAR

The Goldsberry's & Friends	11 AM
Oh Lumberjack	11:40 PM
Intermittent Animals	12:20 PM
Workshop: Community Bill of Rights	1:05 PM
Workshop: Free Press Salon	2:00 PM
Workshop: Creative Control	3:20 PM
Round: Katie Davis, Pete Mako, Rick Barr	4:15 PM
Workshop: Hip Hop Panel	5:05 PM
Workshop: Guante	6:05 PM
Round: Victoria Parks, Ralph Leesberg, John Schnabel	7:05 PM
Rj Cowdery	8 PM

SOLAR STAGE HAPPENINGS

Solar Stage has been part of ComFest for more than a decade now, and though once a minor curiosity, it has become an integral link between musical entertainment and Spirit and Purpose workshops. Solar Stage is the epicenter of progressive social, political, and ecological information at the festival.

Saturday, special guest Guante (see page 31) will lead a workshop about how art impacts social movements and how to integrate the arts effectively into our political movements. Other workshops will deal with Ending Poverty, the Next Left, a Columbus Communities Forum, Everyday Sexism in Central Ohio and a Rock and Roll Book Club panel closes things out on Sunday. There really is something for everyone every day.

As always, Solar will have children's entertainment and singer-songwriters playing a variety of folk, bluegrass, and light rock music. Be sure to check the schedule on page 24 and stop by the sunny side of the park.

— Connie Everett



Photo by: Michael Weber

The Devil Doves Clusterfolk Garage Sale
 Dh Experiment Alternative Rockin' Country
 Doctah X Electronic Roots Dub
 Dominique Larue Very Dope MC
 Don Norman Band Urban Blues
 Donna Mogavero Acoustic Rock
 Dougie Simpson & The Faith Band Roots Soul Reggae
 Drum and Dance Circle - Fri Let's Play Together
 Drum and Dance Circle - Sat Rhythmorgy Dance Frenzy
 Ecopoetry Ecopoetry
 Egon Gone & The Sun Gods Shimmering Gloom Rock
 Ekoostik Hookah Jam Rock Band

Folquinox Folk Rock Anomaly
 Forever Unknown & Young Rebel Ghosts Youngsters Playing Rock
 Fox n Hounds Bluegrass Power Trio
 Freedom 'n' Folk Revival Acoustic Rhythmic Harmonious
 Future Modern Instrumental Dance Improv
 Garbage Greek Voodoo Garage Rock
 George Barrie Band Groovy RocknRoll
 The Ghost Town Railroad Robot Arm Blues
 The Girls! Pop-Punk Party Bang
 Girlz Rhythm 'n' Rock Camp Young Girls Rock
 Glistening Meditation w/ Frank Tennyson Glistening Meditation
 God's Dirt Southern Rock
 The Goldsberrys and Friends Original Jamgrass
 Goree Drum and Dance West African Drum and Dance
 Greg Hale Band Jammy Pop Rock
 Gudger Riff Driven Rock
 Habit-Changing Hypnotherapy w/ Andrew Davis Hypnotherapy
 Hellroys Dumb Country Noise
 Heroes Like Villains Pop Funk
 Hocking River String Band High Energy Bluegrass
 Holly And The Byrd Folk Rock Acoustic
 Hugs and Kisses Hart Wrenching Entertainment
 Intermittent Animals Trancebilly Time Travel
 Is Said & The Advance Party Music Dance Poetry
 Isken Funk Blues Pop
 It's All Been Done Radio Hour Comedy Radio Series
 Jacoti Sommes Expansive Brain Smiles
 Jae Esquire Real Hip Hop
 Jason and Michelle Guitar Keys Harmonies
 The Jazz Poetry Ensemble Collective Community Jazz
 The Jeffs Offbeat-Irreverent Folk Rock
 Jen Miller Jazz Blues Songbird
 Jim Maneri's Flypaper EDM Jazz Freakshow
 Jim Maneri Piano Bar Piano Bar Fun!
 Joanie Calem Family Folk Music
 The John Turck Trio Heartmelt Facemelt Rock
 John Zuck So Low Bass
 Kelly McLennan +5 Jazz/vocals +5
 Kelly Zullo & The Invisible Circus Machine Gun Acoustic-Ery
 Kerry Trautman Northwest Ohio Poet
 Krisb's Midnight Railroad Songwriter Jam Bluegrass
 The League Bowlers Rocking Rock Rock
 Little Patch Of Soul Soul And Blues
 Long Tall Deb Featuring Colin John Jam Americana Indie
 Lost on Iddings Americana Blues Folk
 Luna Rising Yoga w/Cynthia Clem Earth Peace Yogasana
 Lungo Vybz Youth Reggae Band
 Mahana Productions Polynesian Dance
 Manitoa Tribak Earthdance Rocktronica

Photo by Mara Gruber



El Ritmo Flamenco Ensemble Flamenco Dance Group
 The Electric Hand Garage Psych Fuzz
 Electric Orange Peel Fresh Citrusy Improvisation
 ElectroCult Circus Non-Genre Experimental
 EOP Been A Minute
 Erika Hughes & The Well Mannered Country Fried Americana
 Erthbrnr Columbus Heavy Metal
 Fake Bacon Improv Improv Comedy
 The Fish Market Band Casual And Engaging
 Fisher Gypsy Progressive Rock
 The Flex Crew Reggae And More
 Fo/Mo/Deep Jazz/Funk/World

JUNE 24, 25 & 26 • COMFEST WEEKEND

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LIVE AT PARK STREET PATIO

{FRIDAY, 6/24 • HIGH NOON • NO COVER}
BLAKE XPERIENCE
FEATURING: EGI • HEADY RUXPIN
SUBTERRANEAN • JOHN ZUCK • LOVE ALIVE • COSMOSIS
HALFRICAN • MIKE DOW • INDICUS • OMNI VIEW • WEIRD MUSIC}

{SATURDAY, 6/25 • HIGH NOON • NO COVER}
THE ADAM EZRA GROUP
YOSEMIGHT • PUPILS OF GROOVE + TBA

{SUNDAY, 6/26 • HIGH NOON • NO COVER BANDS TBA}

LIVE AT PARK STREET SALOON

{FRIDAY, 6/24 • 9PM DOORS • \$15 COVER}
THE SPIKEDRIVERS W/ CAAMP

{SATURDAY, 6/25 • 8PM DOORS • \$15 COVER}
EKOOSTIK HOOKAH
(ELECTRIC ORANGE PEEL)

PRESENTED BY: WP WOODLANDS PRODUCTIONS



SUNDAY JUNE 26

BOZO

GAZEBO

OFF RAMP

Bob Ras
NOON

Little Patch of Soul
12:55 PM

Lungu Vybz
1:55 PM

T.Wong
2:50 PM

 Guante: Political Spoken Word
3:50 PM

Goree Drum & Dance
4:55 AM

The Deeptones
5:55 PM

Mojoflo
6:55 PM

The Jeffs
NOON

Greg Hale Band
12:45

Cathy Wicks & The Catbirds
1:40 PM

 Bill Foley: Between Songs
2:35 PM

Donna Mogavero
3:05 PM

The Shady Grovers
4 PM

John Turck Trio
5 PM

The Apostles
6 PM

Conscious Pilot
7 PM

John Zuck
11:30 AM

The League Bowlers
12:15 PM

Morning Theft
1:05 PM

St. Lenox
1:50 PM

Isken
2:45 PM

 Ruben Castilla Herrera:
Organizing for Justice
3:35 PM

Correy Parks
3:50 PM

Satele
4:20 PM

Jae Esquire
4:30 PM

Satele
5:05 PM

Hugs & Kisses
5:20 PM

Brujas Del Sol
6:10PM

Descendre
7:15PM

FOUR BEERS ON TAP, MIXED DRINKS OR HARD APPLE CIDER

Our four favorites—Columbus Brewing Company IPA, Four Strings Brass Knuckle American Pale Ale, Miller Lite, and PBR—continue this year

Mixed drinks are now offered at the Off-Ramp Bar. Yes, you read that correctly. The ever-popular mixed drinks at the Jazz Bar have expanded into a new home at the Off-Ramp Bar. Be sure to stop by and visit.

You will also find that wine now being offered at both the Jazz and Off-Ramp bars within the Mixed Drinks area—convenience and

variety in one stop.

Be on the lookout for this year's mug slogan. As usual, the slogan remains current, as well as something that resonates throughout the year every time you enjoy a your beverage.

Be responsible with your alcohol consumption, and don't drink and drive.

Remember, bringing your own alcohol into the park is illegal and under mines ComFest's financial health.

— Kevin Brammer

Be the Change...Volunteer



SUNDAY JUNE 26

JAZZ

Sonokora
NOON

Rhinestone
12:55 AM

Noe Salsa Project
1:50 PM

Jen Miller
2:45 PM

 Mary Jo Kilroy: Votung Rights
3:40 PM

Canta Brasil
4:10 PM

Long Tall Deb
featuring Colin John
5:05 PM

Wrecking Crew
6 PM

Tony Monaco Trio
7 PM

LIVE ARTS

Three Cranes Grove
9:30 AM

Yoga on High
11 AM

The Shazzbots
NOON

Bellydance Columbus
12:50 PM

Mahana Productions
1:25 PM

Bill Hurley
2 PM

OSU Hillel Folk Dancers
2:25 PM

Columbus Contra Dancers
3:25 PM

Jim Maneri Piano Bar
4:20 PM

The Rice Brothers
5 PM

Seven Dance Company
5:45 PM

Is Said & The Advance Party
6:25 PM

Poetry Slam
7:15 PM

SOLAR

The Fish Market Band
11 AM

Workshop: The Vegan Connection
11:35 AM

Terry C. Keller
12:25 PM

Workshop: Ending Poverty w/ Fadhel
Kaboub
1 PM

Holly & The Byrd
2 PM

Workshop: SOLE & Simply Living
2:35 PM

Round: Shonda Holman, Brenda Jean,
Ryan Smith
3:35 PM

Workshop: Sarah Cherry - Everyday Sexism
4:25 PM

Workshop: Rock and Roll Book Club
5:25 PM

Round: Brian Conner, Troy Petty, Jack
McCarthy
6:15 PM

Freedom Folk Revival
7 PM

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Mas Bagua.....	Enhanced Gigantic Psychedelia	Steve Abbott.....	Poems with Teeth
Megan Palmer.....	What She's Got To Give.	Steven King.....	Space Cowboy Singer/Songwriter
Mendelsonics	Rockin' Soulful Trashabilly	Stevie and Shane	Gritty Acoustic Rock
The Methmatics.....	Old School Punk	Stone Fruit.....	Funky Electric Soul-Pop
Mojoflo.....	Funky Energetic Fresh	Strange Grain.....	Rock and Roll
Morning Theft.....	Emotional Alternative Experimental	T. Wong.....	Urban Rustic
Mortimur	Instrumental Dark Surf	Tai Chi w/ Music by Paul Brown.....	Meditation Movement Music
Movement Afoot.....	Tap Dance Ensemble	Terry C. Keller	Rock Roots Blues
Mr. Eric & Friends.....	Interactive Kids Music	The Muppet Mayhem Band	All The Hits
Ms Sara D.....	Absent Minded Music	The Whiteouts.....	Rock and Roll
Mucus-Free The Original Vegan Diet ..	Mucusless Diet Introduction	Three Cranes Grove	Community Blessing
Mummula.....	Spooky Surf Punk	Tim Dvorkin Trio.....	Energetic Jazz Fusion
Nes Wordz.....	Stupid Genius Energetic	Tim Easton	Traveling Singer Songwriter
Noe Salsa Project	Latin Salsa Jazz	The Tom Beardslee Band	Rootsey Singer Songwriter
Oddfellows Oddities	Punk Rock Comedy	Tony Monaco Trio	Jazz Organ Trio
Oh Lumberjack.....	Acoustic Folk Alternative	Trachete	Lady Grunge Rock
OSU Hillel Folk Dancers	Fun! Joyful! Dance!		
Paisha.....	Soulful Original Music		
Pat Funderburg's Afro-Rhythms	Learn African Dance		
Patrick McLaughlin Band	Original Blues/Rock		
Phamily Band.....	Prog Jam Rock		
Pilates w/ Barb Markowitz.....	Mat Pilates Class		
The Pleasant Tense.....	Funk Soul Jazz		
Poetry Slam.....	Spoken Word Competition		
Positive Energy.....	Fun Energetic Jazz		
Qigong w/ Jeff Radcliff.....	Learn Qigong		
Radarhill	Eclectic Post-Jazz		
The Resistors.....	Damn Good Rock!		
Rhinestone	Stop Thinking, Listen		
The Rice Brothers	Celtic Americana Folk		
Rise & Shine Yoga Flow w/ Yoga Well Being	Vinyasa Yoga Flow		
Rj Cowdery	Contemporary Singing Songwriter		
Ryan Folger Octet	Contemporary Jazz Ensemble		
Sacred Shimmy Tribal Bellydance.....	Real Tribal Magick		
Safety Squad.....	Funky Groovy Dance		
Salvage	Chesapeake Power Trio		
Sam & The Barbers	Dancy Pop Rock		
Satele.....	Nothing But Vibes		
Sean Carney & Tonky De La Pena.....	Boss Blues Guitar		
Seven Dance Company	Professional Dance Company		
The Shady Grovers.....	High Energy Jamgrass		
The Shazzbots	Space-Age Kids' Rock		
Shvs	Surf Punk Prog		
Sin Nombre.....	World War Doom		
Sistah Ngoma & Spirit Drummers	Afrocentric World Beat		
Sonikora	Instrumental Kosmigroove Spacejazz		
The SpeakEasy	Live Hip-Hop Freestyle		
St. Lenox.....	Fine Art Pop		



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The Trulie Awesome Show.....	Original Sketch Comedy
Turtle Boat.....	Sad Mud Song
Urban Tropic	World Roots Indie
Vaughn Wiester	Big Band Jazz
Wednesday Wine.....	Women Who Rock!
Weedhaven Laughing Academy	Alternative Rock
Westminster-Thurber Community Drummers	Wellness Drumming
The Whiteouts.....	Rock N Roll
Willie Phoenix & The Soul Underground	Rock And Roll
The Worn Flints.....	Psychedelic Blues Rock
The Wrecking Crew	Old School Funk
Yang Builder Qigong: The Hawk.....	Taoist Hawk Qigong
Yang Taiji Basics w/ Sifu Jack Anderson	Introduction To Taiji
Yoga Enlarged: For Full-Figured Yogis	Full-Figured Asana
Yoga on High	Astanga Yoga Demonstration
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Young Songwriters w/ Dave Hawkins.....	Stories Songs Fun!

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7/27: **THE QUEBE SISTERS**

7/30: **flocking River String Band CD Release Party**

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KiDSART



KiDSART will be open Saturday and Sunday from noon until 6 PM at the picnic shelter at the far west side of the park near the playground equipment.

We're happy to congratulate Alice Coneglia as this year's winner of the KiDSART T-shirt logo contest. She won by submitting a drawing during last year's festivities at the KiDSART picnic shelter. If you are 17 years old or younger, you can visit the KiDSART area and submit your own design in the contest for next year's T-shirt. The winning design is chosen in March.

We are pleased to welcome back Craig Woodson and his instrument-making and -playing jamboree all day on Saturday. We will also have T-shirt tie-dyeing, face painting, sculpture building, art using recycling materials and crafts of all kinds on both days.

— Margaret DeLaurentis

Kid Friendly Entertainment

FRIDAY

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1:45 PM LIVE ARTS
FOREVER UNKNOWN & YOUNG REBEL GHOSTS
YOUNGSTERS PLAYING ROCK

2:40 PM LIVE ARTS
MR. ERIC & FRIENDS
INTERACTIVE KID'S MUSIC

3:25 PM LIVE ARTS STAGE
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4:10 PM LIVE ARTS STAGE
WESTMINSTER-THURBER COMMUNITY DRUMMERS
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SATURDAY

1:10 PM LIVE ARTS
THE MUPPETS MAYHEM BAND
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SUNDAY

NOON LIVE ARTS
THE SHAZZBOTS
SPACEAGE KIDS' ROCK

1:55 PM LIVE ARTS
LUNGU VYBZ
YOUTH REGGAE BAND

Wristbands Help Us Locate Lost Kids

Wristbands will be available at KiDSART, Safety Base at the north end of the shelter house, and at all entry barricades. Also, it's a good idea to take a picture of your children when you arrive at ComFest. This will help you give an accurate description of what a child was wearing if s/he becomes lost.

Lost kids are brought by police or Safety volunteers to the Safety Base to wait for their parents.

ComFest Merchandise Booth

The ComFest Souvenir & Beer Token Booth is located just inside the Park's main gate at Russell and Park Streets. In addition to fun merchandise, this booth also sells beer tokens and the colorful 20-oz. beer mugs with this year's Festival logo on them.

The fun merchandise includes window clings, bandanas, a colorful selection of hats and T-shirts, carabiners and sunglasses made from recycled plastic, magnets, temporary tattoos, sling bags and more—all embossed with ComFest's Hopewell symbol logo. And also this year: baseball shirts!

In addition, we are excited to offer a 25-oz. collapsible water bottle. These inexpensive containers can be filled at two bottleless water stations. It's a convenient way to keep hydrated and help the festival reduce the number of bottles that need to be recycled. Yay for bottle-less water stations!

So stop by this ComFest booth early and pick up a memento so you can keep a piece of ComFest with you as you live every day the ComFest way all year round.

And remember: whether you buy beer, wine, souvenirs, merchandise, or food from our fabulous vendors, a portion comes back to ComFest. This allows the festival to continue and allows for funds to be granted to community organizations (page. 30 for more info on the ComFest grant program).

Happy ComFest!

— Lynn Stan & Carole Miller



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LOGO CONTEST

You've seen that neat ComFest T-shirt that all the volunteers are wearing. YOU can design the logo for next year. Every year we put out a call for folks to bring their ideas for a logo design.

Designs must have the dates June 22, 23, & 24, 2017 and the name "Community Festival" and must incorporate the Hopewell symbol into the logo. Images need to be camera ready and one color image (no grayscale). After the first of next year, go to comfest.com and look for the logo contest link for more details.

2017 Logo Contest
Thursday March 2 , 2017, 7:30 PM
Goodale Park Shelterhouse



Street Fair

Welcome to the 2016 Community Festival Street Fair, a unique village of streets and paths filled with amazing wares and fabulous art. The Street Fair has grown over the years but still represents the diversity and many changes within the Columbus progressive community. It is most importantly a place to learn about the work and mission of the many community organizations that advocate progressive causes.

ComFest's Principles are a prescription for change in the world. For ComFest Street Fair coordinators, that vision requires the help of dozens of volunteers who pound the pavement

nonstop for three days. Look for them in green T-shirts, tiaras and fancy hats; they'll be glad to help direct you along the many byways that lead from funnel cakes to fashion jewelry to tai chi to kids' activities to information about your own role in making our community and the world a better place.



Photo by Mara Gruber

Don't miss the Peace Village. Follow the paths to the west side of Goodale Park to find shady spots, the Peace Tent, Healing Arts Tent, the Solar stage, sculpture by several local artists, installation art, food vendors, and the bottle-less water station where you can fill your own water bottle. Your patronage of local artists, businesses and community organizations is essential to the continuation of the progressive and creative

community in Columbus, so shop with the vendors to find something wonderful and snack your way through the community and commercial Food vendors for great eats.

Be part of the ComFest family!

Help keep the ComFest community spirit brilliant, and help it continue to bring joy, hope and faith that people like YOU are still here working to change the world.

— Candy Watkins

ComFest Environmental Sculptures

Artists create temporary art inspired by and just for ComFest. These sculptures and installations will add thought-provoking fun to Peace Village. Dale Craig Johnson's "Blank Slate" is interactive (help erect Friday and dismantle Sunday) and ponders compatibility of various elements and their relationship to environment and people.



Ashley Voss creates incredible worlds using sculpture and slow-shutter light photography in

"Daydreaming at Night." Learn how the magic happens.

Serenity and John Michael Rapach of LoveHarvest BodyArt painted those gorgeous mannequins lounging around the park. These beauties are happy to get out to meet people. Snap selfies with them and send to:

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— Connie Everett



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HONORED COMFEST VOLUNTEER

Roger Barriteau

There is a point of convergence known as Praxis where theory meets practice. It is at that point we find Roger Barriteau, this year's ComFest Honored Volunteer.

Roger, an academically trained philosopher, is known for both his hands-on efforts and his intellectual contributions to the foundations of the Community Festival.

Roger's Comfest experience dates back to the earliest iterations of our festival. He was recruited by founder Sue Urbas and performed the volunteer activities that made those Community Festivals happen – silk-screening T-shirts, setting up the stage, doing whatever was necessary.

Regarding those days, Roger recalls, "I loved the Bozo crew and setting up the stage. It was direct collective action, and with janitors and lawyers lifting the stage pieces together it was an ideal of co-operation, mutual respect and learning that I still find the most important social goal of ComFest and of society itself."

Roger's volunteer efforts continued to the end of the century and beyond with service at the beer booths, especially the Lincoln Bar where he worked shoulder to shoulder with ComFest stalwarts John Gurney and the late Joe Brown from set-up to tear-down. John Gurney notes, "He's a lot of help at the bar. He's always there to help with set-up."

Roger was a regular attendee at organizational meetings and an active voice in discussions regarding

the future direction of ComFest. Peace Village organizer Connie Everett observes, "As an original ComFest organizer, Roger always focused on the spirit of our community and the purpose of the festival. When we

formed a committee several years ago to protect our history and more vigorously promote our progressive values, Roger was right there, front and center."

Roger is also a presence in the online ComFest organizers' e-group, where his deep background in the civil rights and anti-war movements allow him to take the role of peacemaker and guide in his extensive postings. Roger's devoted support of ComFest Principles is well-known.

More recently, Roger has taken an active role as an educator with the advent of the ComFest Museum. Original ComFester Margaret Sarber-Nie said, "He's always worked the Archive and has been careful about putting it up and taking it down. He's a really good docent, very knowledgeable about what has gone on."

Roger himself would tell you the real joy of ComFest is community. "I am one person, and ComFest is of and for the many," he says. "A lot of different minds and points of view go into making ComFest happen and be the fun that it is. I appreciate that more and more each year."

"Please know this about me and ComFest: When I hit the park on Friday morning, it's like I dropped acid—yesterday, today, and tomorrow are one. Emotions course over me. My love and commitment to this project of over 43 years are such that I can barely contain them."

— Harry Farkas



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HONORED COMFEST VOLUNTEER

Bettina Hughes

"I don't mind doing dirty work," says Bettina Hughes, Comfest's 2016 Honored Volunteer, "Sometimes you got to get dirty to make things clean."

Serving on the Clean-up and Recycling Committee, where she finds "fascinating people, who know they're doing something worthwhile," Bettina knows dirt, some of it healthy—like her grandmother's garden—but much of it poisoned. Tina has known the toxins of racism, poverty, homophobia, and bullying-body-shaming—a dumpsterful of soul-crushers, but not Bettina Hughes'. She survives to make the world better, cleaner.

Raised in West Virginia by parents who taught her carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work while encouraging her gospel singing and playing multiple instruments, she asserts that she can "build anything...and do it right."

Combining those skills involved her in all aspects of theater production, working commercial music and video production crews, and earning certification in Communications Technology. Today, she's a hip-hop musician/entrepreneur with her own company, Arris Productions.

Tina's road to accomplishment has been rough. Leaving Beckley, W. Virginia (a town that as late as 1967 suffered a terrorist KKK-style cross burning) because working three jobs kept her and her child impoverished, she set out for Columbus where more struggles, personal dangers, and health issues awaited.

Memories from those monstrously hard times still bring her to tears.

"But, no matter what", Bettina smiles, as she plays her latest composition on her device, "I stayed clean, I kept my son and I kept him clean, too—in school, off the

streets and away from gangs." She names her now-adult son Jerome as the driving force in her life.

Bettina came to Comfest through a drum circle and fell in rhythmic love. Here was a place, she recalls, and a community of "spirited people having a good time, people who don't judge. I love Comfest because of that."

And Comfest has good reason to love Tina. The multiple nominating statements for this year's honoree describe a rare person whose rave reviews are worth reading:

"Bettina has been our late-night-shift super hero. ... always in good spirits, ... into the late hours of the night" says Don Shymanski

"Bettina brings a lot of love with her presence, and when I see her, a smile and sigh of relief are my reaction. ...The workload takes on a different light with her perspective." says Laura Wright

"Embracing the ComFest spirit, she will do whatever needs done, from cleaning up the worst of the worst in the rolls-offs to picking up butts from the garden areas, always without complaint. Last year, during the miserable Saturday late-night shift, she was

the only volunteer who stayed after 11 pm. She...helps rally the troops...with her enthusiasm and tenacious spirit. ComFest is a better place because she is part of it", says Kate Da-Souza

She also volunteers at the Girls Rock 'n' Roll Camp and the Pride and Hot Times Festivals.

Bettina Hughes' honored place in what she calls "Comfest's Community of Unity" is hereby officially recognized. Thank you, Bettina Hughes.

P.S. Next year you, Gentle Reader, might want to volunteer, too.

— Leslie Zak



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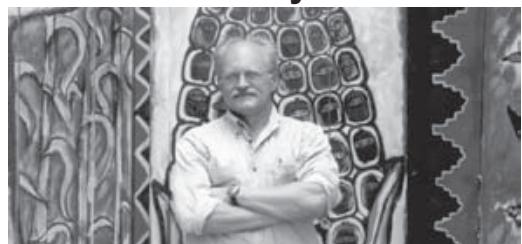


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Pam's Popcorn: popcorn

Lavash Cafe: Gyro, falafel

The Jamaican Club: Jerk chicken, rice & peas

Bubble Tea & Juice Co.: Smoothies and bubble tea

Global Gallery Coffee Shop:

Quesadillas, Tibetan momos

Free Clinic: Iced tea

Flavors of India: Chicken tikka, lamb curry, veggie platter

Queen's Table: Fishboat, sandwich

Nida Sushi: Phad thai, sushi

Juergens: Apple cake, streusel

Gilligans: Chicken & veggie stir fry

Whole World: Broccoli burger, black bean roll-up

Firdous Express of North Market:

Chicken kabob, veggie sandwich

Jazz Cap Food

Todd's Lemonade: Lemonade

WATER: Columbus Coalition for the Homeless

Icee Rainbows: Italian ice

Ribman Ribs: Ribs, rib tips, mac & cheese

J-Pops: Handcrafted ice pops



Bozo Food

Todd's Lemonade: Lemonade

PattyCake Bakery: Gluten-free baked goodies

Aloha Ice: Flavored ice

Bubble Tea: Smoothies and juice

WATER: Ecole Kenwood PTA

Mikey's Late Night Slice: Pizza

Short North Bagel & Deli: Steamed deli sandwiches

Jeni's Ice Cream: Ice cream

Peace Village

WATER- Bottleless Water Station:

Small Business Beanstalk

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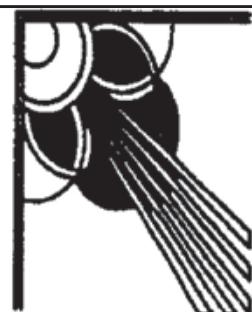


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Brett Helling

As a member The Cabdrivers, Swimsuit Edition, The Kyle Sowashes, Winter Makes Sailors, and Fisted Mister, Brett Helling was well-known in the Columbus music and nightlife communities as a talented musician and amazing human being.

"He had an uncanny knack for being the friend you needed him to be; he could listen, he could DJ, and he could talk for hours," says bandmate and friend Sean Gardner.

"He knew what a good song needed. He understood what was missing and somehow filled in the gap. Even when I thought a song was finished, he would write a melody that gave the song a new life."

And beyond his own bands, he was an avid supporter of local music. He went to every show he could, even if he'd seen the acts before.

Gardner shares memories of Brett "driving our band to ComFest, running late to play. The van was always half-broken, we were stuck in traffic. Then I look over at Brett: with his feet propped up on the dashboard, he was calmly trying to wind up about two feet of a nearly shredded Europe cassette, so that he could listen to 'The Final Countdown' before we played. Brett knew his priorities."

"Brett lived music more than most people I know," Gardner recalls. "So when I plug into my amp now, it means something more than it ever did. It makes me want to play harder, to give back a little of what he gave us. I try to remember that the skinny, shaggy kid in the back of the Tree Bar might think that my band is the greatest band to ever play Columbus. He'll be wearing a bright orange sweat-shirt, like a beacon of awesome."

— Meghan Ralston



Mark Henderson

The Hoodoo Soul Band members past and present lost a part of their drumbeat and soul with the passing of band founding member and drummer Mark Henderson last fall.

Mark grew up in Chillicothe, Ohio and maintained friendships with some of the folks he grew up with and later formed bands with.

Friends noted his compassion, loyalty and general sense of caring for others.

Tony McClung recalled the early days when he would go to Mark's house and play drums. "We would play drums for long periods of time, then talk about drums for long periods of time."

— Program Staff



George Montgomery

George E. Montgomery, fondly known to the ComFest Logistics Team as Uncle George, passed away this year at the age of 74. He has been a loyal ComFest volunteer and truck driver for years, making countless trips back and forth to the warehouse for forgotten and needed items, helping load and unload trucks and vans, and helping to do a little of everything needed to build and tear out the event. He was funny, and fun, and a great guy to work with. The Logistics Team will miss Uncle George tremendously."

This photo portrays Uncle George as a young man — we are sure he would love it!

— Candy Watkins

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IN MEMORIAM

John Urbas

Remember John Urbas reveled in calling for anarchy, though rarely in any political sense. He was far less overtly political than his sister Sue, with whom he played a key role in launching ComFest's maiden voyage in 1972. In the spirit of the word itself, he preferred to inject unpredictability into unlikely situations, to insist on spontaneity when the status quo might be expected.

Late night talk about the New Orleans Jazz Festival, say, or Seattle's pioneering Bumbershoot festival might just result in a road trip by morning.

Anarchy was as emblematic of his wicked, under-the-radar sense of absurdist humor as his determination to make his own rules.

For all that, longtime friends remember him more as the guy who made things work. He kept the ComFest machine humming. He marshalled the forces to build the stage—at first the only one. He counted the money and kept the books. “He was really good at seeing things that would advance the festival,” said old pal John Gurney, “and seeing ways to get them done.”

The “Bozo Stage” got its name from Johnny and his crew. In his safari hat and khaki shirt, which sported the title “Major Bozo,” he led his gang of “General Bozos” to labor into the wee hours building the stage that would carry memorable music, productive

proselytizing and, yes, a bit of anarchy, for decades.

Harry Farkas remembers the stage’s name and Johnny’s title springing from Harry’s declaration that they must all be Bozos to work so hard. Roger Doyle figures it also had something to do with the popularity of absurdist comedy troupe

Firesign Theater and its album “I Think We’re All Bozos On This Bus.” Roger, who has taken over Johnny’s March Madness pool, uses the record’s title for the

March Madness digital site.

Johnny’s commitment to the community sprang from his ample generosity, a quality he applied to his personal

life as well. He met the daughter he never knew he had in 1988, when she was just shy of 17. When Christina moved to Columbus, he was immediately caring, protective and supportive—and happy to give her the kind of freedom he had always cherished. “Dad gave me a space where I could do things,” she remembered recently.

That space included examples of the old anarchy Johnny so admired. “Dad used to borrow my Mickey Mouse watch (during ComFest),” Chris said. “He’d set it an hour behind so that when the cops came (to close down the stage after curfew), he’d say, ‘I didn’t know, it’s my kid’s watch.’”

Here’s hoping future Bozos will sense that spirit lurking backstage.

—Curt Schieber



Photo by Michael Gruber

Parking Info

Don't park up the neighborhood!

Remember that city parking regulations are fully enforced during ComFest. Don’t spoil your ComFest experience by parking in a place from which you will be towed.

There are ample parking lots and garages south of Goodale Park in the Arena District.

Allow extra time to find parking spaces. Respect the neighborhood. We are all visitors during ComFest.

Don't park at Giant Eagle Thurber Village or you will be towed!

BIKE PARKING

Another choice is to ride a bicycle and park it at the Bike Corral at Buttles and Dennison..

CAR2GO

Members of car2go can use the car2go DropZone area at the SE corner of Park and Swan Streets to drop off their vehicles. Just pull up and logout.

RIDE A COTA BUS

The following bus lines will get you to ComFest: #2 N. High; #3 Northwest Blvd.; #4 Indianola/Parsons; #5 West 5th Ave.; #7 Neil/Whittier; #8 Hamilton/Frebis; #18 Kenny; #21 Night Owl (Fri. & Sat. evenings). CBUS around Downtown.

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1. NOISE. Your dog's hearing is perhaps 10 times more sensitive than yours. Even if you aren't right in front of a live stage speaker, overall volume level, sound reverberation and sheer quantity of constant noise coming from all directions is potentially damaging to your dog's sensitive hearing. Guitar shredding can shred your dog's hearing.

2. HEAT AND FATIGUE. When was the last time you went to a summer concert in a fur coat? Even when water and shade are available, heat can quickly dehydrate dogs and cause life-threatening heat stroke. Taking a long walk around the neighborhood is one thing. Walking for hours on hot pavement or even grass is exhausting for a dog.

3. CROWDS. Being in a crowd makes a dog confused or anxious, so even the best-behaved dogs stress out in crowds. Aside from crowded conditions and sensory overload, a lot is going on at knee level that you may not see, such as a toddler reaching to pet the dog's face. "But my dog would never bite..." may be true in ordinary calm situations, but a crowded event creates unpredictable conditions and serious risks.



4. BITING. All dog bites are required by law to be reported to the authorities. If your dog bites someone at ComFest and it does not have a current rabies vaccination tag and papers, it must be quarantined (confined) and observed for 10 days, even if it is a healthy dog. Also, there is little to stop your dog from catching a disease from another dog at ComFest. Be sure your dog is up to date on all of its vaccinations, especially rabies.

5. FOOD DANGERS. The ground is one big chow bowl to a dog. Peppery foods, sugary foods and onions are just part of the buffet only a few inches away from that big wet nose. Your dog could develop pancreatitis. Often a direct result of such "dietary indiscretions," it can range from milder symptoms demanding care by a vet to severe and life-threatening problems requiring hospitalization, possible surgery, and hundreds of dollars of expense (your guilt aside).

6. GETTING LOST. Lost pets risk never being returned to their owners or, worse, being hit by a car. Be sure your dog is wearing some form of identification at all times.

Why would you bring your dog here? Taking your dog to any large outdoor event is an ego trip at your dog's expense. The only benefit to your dog is that Fido doesn't have to pick up your poop. Do your best friend a big favor: don't take your dog to ComFest or other crowded public events.

— Paul Volker, with Dr. Theresa Burke, DVM,
Creature Comforts Animal Clinic

ComFest Poetry / Ecopoetry Competition

Poetry and spoken word are in focus at ComFest. Saturday offers a hip hop panel followed by special guest Gaunte (see page 31) at Solar Tent; Eco Poetry workshop and competition (winners win cash and read on Bozo later that night), and individual readings by Betty Bleen,

Cynthia Amoah, Kerry Trauman, Alexis-Rueal, Susann Moeller, and Steve Abbott at Peace Tent. Sunday features the annual Poetry Slam (cash prizes and bragging rights) at Live Arts. Check schedules for specific times.

— Connie Everett

First Aid

Sunburned? Dehydrated? Twisted ankle while dancing? These are among the common complaints seen at the First Aid Stations. We have nurses, EMTs, doctors, former army medics, teachers, Eagle Scouts, lifeguards, health care providers, and other volunteers to handle most such needs and to assess when more treatment is needed from the Columbus Division of Fire Medic unit we have for each of our two stations.

To better serve Community Festival's crowds, First Aid has operated two stations since 2009. The Main Station is in the center of the park, next to the Cleanup & Recycling HQ, and will operate from 9 AM to midnight all 3 days. Station Two is just inside the park, across from the intersection of Park & Poplar Streets, and will operate on Friday from 3-11 PM, and 3-9 PM Saturday, & 3-8 PM Sunday.

ComFest First Aid wants to commend the Columbus Division of Fire EMS Medics of the Columbus Firefighters Union Local #67 IAF for their courteous and professional dedication to duty each day, as well as the medical

students who volunteer for the Columbus Free Clinic.

The Columbus Free Clinic provides basic primary health care for the under- and uninsured of Columbus. Visit columbusfreeclinic.com and click on "How to be seen." Donations to the Clinic are tax-deductible as allowed by the IRS. Please send to: Columbus Free Clinic, Rardin Family Practice Center, 2231 N. High St, Columbus, OH 43201.

The 2016 Community Festival wishes you a safe and healthy time, but remember our volunteers and the city's paramedics are here when needed. In recent years we have sponsored free First Aid & CPR training for over 45 organizers and volunteers to improve our ability to provide on-site care for festival-goers with an insect bite, splinter, cut foot or heat exhaustion.

All volunteers get a red-on-white shirt with "First Aid" on the front, tokens for free food & beverages, and more tokens at the Volunteer Appreciation Party, Friday evening, Sept. 9, at the Hot Times Festival.

— Bill Finzel & Don Morris



Photo by Michael Gruber

Free Valet Bike Parking

Wow. Even with the thunderstorms and rain, even with the early closing, we still parked lots of bikes at the Community Festival in 2015.

You can help make those numbers even greater this year! How? Here are a couple of ways:

1) Ride your bike to ComFest. Riding your bike not only allows you to do good things for the environment and your health, but you will also likely get in and out of the festival quickly, park much closer, and walk less.

Contrary to popular belief, riding a bike to ComFest is the smart thing to do on days you feel lazy. Bring it to the bike



Photo by Michael Gruber

corral where a group of lovely volunteers will protect it for you.

2) Volunteer in the bike corral during a closing shift. Stop by Information Station to see if we have open shifts. For those of you who are experienced bike corral volunteers, feel free to stop by and help anytime you see a line. We can't give you volunteer perks for these random acts of kindness, but you will gain mega ego (and karma) points.

3) Let others know about the wonderful bike corral!

— C. Steve Puhl
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Every visitor to Community Festival is expected to observe public safety laws and event rules listed in the Program Guide.

Visitors to ComFest this year again should anticipate a police presence and enforcement of all applicable laws. There will be uniformed officers hired by Community Festival as well as uniformed officers and plainclothes detectives deployed by the Columbus Division of Police, as is usual at all large public events.

The Police want festival attendees to know that laws will be enforced, whether the offense involves shoplifting from vendors, bringing outside alcohol into the park, lighting a fire, or consuming illegal drugs.



Anyone unwilling to comply with these laws and rules should not enter the festival grounds.

Thanks to the support of an aware, engaged audience and hard-working volunteers, ComFest has earned a track record as the most peaceful event of its size in Columbus. With everyone's help, the 2016 Community Festival can again set a high standard for staying safe, clean, and green.

Don't be a tourist when you come to ComFest. Sign up to help. Bring your best self and become part of this sprawling model of collective and peaceful self-governance. Remember, it's everyone's job to maintain the mellow!

Pass it on!

Park Closing Times

FRIDAY 11 PM

SATURDAY 9 PM

SUNDAY 8 PM

Please cooperate when you are asked to leave the Park

Don't Become a Statistic

ComFest has lots of signs warning visitors that there is a No BYOB rule in the park, and organizers want everyone to know that includes everything that is still illegal in Ohio. Safety/No BYOB teams patrol the park and take time to personally warn people and encourage lawful enjoyment of the festival.

FACT: people have ignored numerous warnings and ended up being statistics of arrests and citations for BYOB, underage alcohol, cigarette and pot-related offenses.

Law enforcement agencies and liquor agents, both uniformed and plainclothes, attend events where alcohol and large crowds are present. Community Festival organizers expect them at ComFest again this year. They will be watching the crowd, looking for any illegal activities.

If you don't like a law, then work to change it. While the law is in place, play by the rules and keep the Community Festival safe. We want you to be able to stay and enjoy the festival. DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC.

