

LAWTON ARTS REVIEW

ARTS AND HUMANITIES DIVISION'S NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION

To encourage and promote artistic expression and diversity in the City of Lawton.

OUR VISION

To create an enduring artistic and cultural community.

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May EVENTS



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LPS ROCKS! LPS Elementary Showcase
@ McMahon Memorial Auditorium 6:30 P.M.



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The Power of Love Mother's Day Concert
@ McMahon Memorial Auditorium 7:30 P.M.



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Let's Talk About It
@ Cameron University 6:00 P.M.



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Organizational Training Workshops: License & Permits
@ City Hall 5:00 P.M.



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South Star Dance Academy - Dance Around The World
@ McMahon Memorial Auditorium 5:30 P.M.



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Sherri's Dance Center - 41st Annual Spring Dance Concert
@ McMahon Memorial Auditorium
Friday @ 7:00 P.M. & Saturday @ 11:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.



THIS WEEK WITH A&H

LPS ROCKS 2023 Showcase

McMahon Memorial Auditorium welcomes Lawton Public Schools elementary students showcasing their unique talents on **Tuesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m.**

An LPS tradition for over 25 years, The LPS ROCKS Showcase aims to celebrate Lawton's elementary students through music and dance! LPS Rocks is also an opportunity for LPS to display how faculty works together to celebrate their students' unique abilities and talents.

LPS is a very diverse community, and celebrating its students is exciting! LPS Rocks is a free event; doors open at 6 pm.



The Power of Love

Paradise Concerts Presents Mother's Day Show! Join us and Paradise Concerts on May 13th at 7:30 pm at McMahon Auditorium for a night of Old School and R & B Music and celebration of all the amazing Mothers out there.

This show is dedicated to the special women in our lives who have always been there for us and continue to be our biggest supporters.

Let's make this a memorable night! Doors open at 6:30 pm. You can purchase you tickets online at SWOKarts.com or stop by the A&H office.

A promotional poster for Paradise Concerts' Mother's Day Show titled "THE POWER OF LOVE". The poster features a blue background with white and yellow text. At the top left is the Paradise Concerts logo. The main text reads "PARADISE CONCERTS MOTHER'S DAY SHOW 'THE POWER OF LOVE'". Below this, it says "A Special Tribute to Luther Vandross By Danny Clay" with two small photos of Danny Clay. To the right, a yellow starburst contains the date and time: "Saturday May 13th 7:30 pm". Below that, it says "Call (580)591-2444 for information". Further down, it lists "The Soulful Sounds of Teddy Pendergrass By Stan Hampton" with two photos of Stan Hampton. Below that, it says "The Gerald Levert Experience By Moetowne Alex" with two photos of Moetowne Alex. At the bottom, it says "Show Host Comedian Honest John" with a photo of Honest John.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY TOWN HALL



Carnegie Library Town Hall, located at 425 SW B Ave, underwent emergency preservation work on May 3rd, overseen by Morgan Reinhardt, owner of Old Home Rescue.

A cast stone header above an East side window was at risk of falling off, potentially causing damage to HVAC equipment or personnel. The emergency repair work was identified by an inspection initiated by the McMahan Auditorium Authority, which the City Council approved on February 14th to provide and aid proper operation, supervision, and management for Carnegie Library Town Hall.

Councilman Hampton of Ward 5, where Carnegie Library resides, authorized a portion of his Ward 5 funds to complete the project. Hampton enabled the emergency repair to be completed expeditiously, which otherwise would not have been possible.

For more information about Carnegie Library Town Hall and restoration efforts, contact the Arts and Humanities office at arts@lawtonok.gov.

LAWTON FORT SILL FREEDOM FESTIVAL

It's festival season in Lawton! We are gearing up for a great season in Arts & Humanities! Lawton's 8th Annual Independence Day Celebration is right around the corner! With so many fun activities for both adult and children, it sure is something you won't want to miss!

This year we are adding two new competitions to the weekend the "Freedom Festival Hot Dog Eatin' Contest" and the "Freedom Festival Boxcar Races."

We are still accepting vendor applications until May 19th! You can find this application on the CoL website, Freedom Festival Facebook page, or SWOKarts.com. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please fill out the application & return it to the City of Lawton's Arts & Humanities Division.



We want you to have a parade! We need at least 20 entries to have a parade. Parade entries are due by June 9th. If we do have a parade, it will start Friday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

We LOVE our helping hands! We've added a volunteer sign-up sheet on our website SWOK.arts.com under the festivals tab! This is an excellent opportunity for students needing to meet volunteer hours or citizens looking to serve their community. Once submitted, we will contact the volunteer based on their preferences.





INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

We are welcoming so many new vendors and artists this year, and we cannot wait for everyone to try new things and immerse themselves in the many different cultures represented! We are excited to announce that the International Festival Volunteer Performer Application and Vendor Application are now live on our website SWOKarts.com under the festivals tab! To be considered for performance or to be a vendor, you must complete every section to the best of your ability. The application deadline is July 28!



International Festival Volunteer Performer Application

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The 44th International Festival is a three-day family friendly event and a project by the International Festival Committee, part of the Lawton Arts & Humanities Division and the City of Lawton. This event provides local ethnic organizations, other groups, and individuals an opportunity to display aspects of their culture that makes the Lawton-Fort Sill Community so unique.

Volunteer performers can apply to perform on one of two large stages. This event will be held rain or shine.

2023 Important Dates

July 28: Application Deadline

Aug 4: Notification of Approved Applications

Early Sept: Mandatory Pre-Festival Volunteer Performer's Meeting. Exact Date/Time TBD

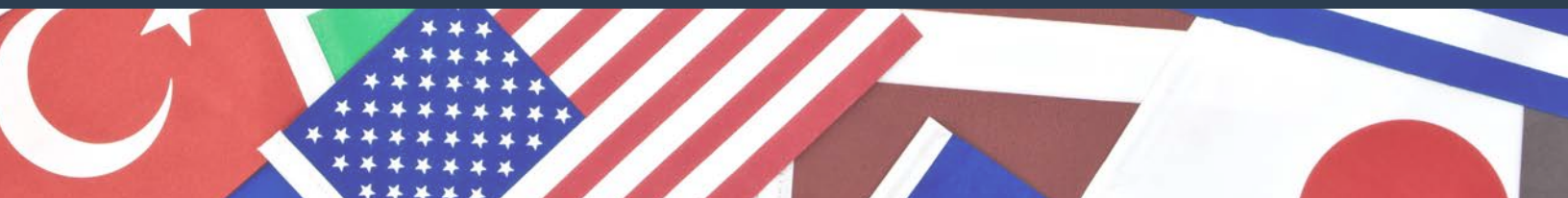
Sept 22, 23, & 24: Festival!

The International Festival's Entertainment Selection Committee will review all fully completed applications received by the deadline and reserves the right to decline any application at their sole discretion. All performers must agree to comply with event rules, requirements and regulations outlined below.

Performances must be family-friendly and meet the purpose and mission of the International Festival: *To showcase and provide educational opportunities about the diverse cultures within our community, while promoting tourism and generating a positive impact on our local economy.*

Poster Competition Guidelines are also live on our Facebook! The winning design will be used on promotional materials advertising the festival. This competition is open to students K-12 and adults of all skill levels. The deadline for art submission is Monday, May 29th.

Follow our Facebook Lawton Arts and Humanities Committee and International Festival Facebook for updates on International Festival and many other events going on!





NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE



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Lawton Ballet Theater - Beauty and the Beast
@ McMahon Memorial Auditorium

Friday @ 6:30 P.M. Saturday @ 2:00 & 7:00 P.M. & Sunday @ 2:00 P.M.



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Fierce Fitness presents Native Naturals
@ McMahon Memorial Auditorium 10:00 A.M.



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Let's Talk About It
@ Cameron University 6:00 P.M.



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Organizational Training Workshops: Assembly Permits
@ Owens Recreation Center 5:00 P.M.



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Lawton Community Theater - Matilda
@ McMahon Memorial Auditorium

Thursday @ 7:30, Friday @ 7:30, Saturday @ 2:00 & 7:00, Sunday @ 2:00 P.M.



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FREEDOM FESTIVAL!

