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CITY NEWS

FILM + MUSIC + INTERACTIVE HAPPY HOUR WITH LAWRENCE SCHWEDLER - JUNE 24

FMI HAPPY HOUR

Join us June 24 with featured presenter Lawrence Schwedler, video game audio director, composer, and sound designer for over twenty years. With the rise of the video game industry and its promise of new work for composers, many trained in traditional methods of composition have had to rethink the basic tenets of their craft. Lawrence will discuss adaptive scoring and the challenges that composers face when they lose the linearity of time, one of the most fundamental aspects of music.



THE VERA PROJECT TAKES CENTER STAGE AT THE SEATTLE CITY HALL GALLERY

CITY OF SEATTLE

The Seattle Office of Arts & Culture presents *The Vera Project: 14 Years Of True And Sincere Friends*, an exhibition featuring visuals and stories from The Vera Project community, including posters, photographs, and ephemera in the Seattle City Hall Gallery, July 2 through August 28, 2015. The exhibition explores the history and accomplishments of the first all-ages nonprofit venue in Seattle. For over 14 years The Vera Project has been hosting musical acts spanning all genres, and its programs have consistently helped grow the talent pipeline in the Seattle music industry.



FESTIVAL SUNDIATA PRESENTS BLACK ARTS FEST

FESTIVAL SUNDIATA

Sundiata is the Pacific Northwest's longest running African American festival celebrated in Seattle. The Festival showcases art, education, and entertainment depicting the colorful perspectives, culture, and history of people of African descent. This year's festival takes place June 19-21 at Seattle Center and features several Seattle and PNW-based artists and musicians.



MUSIC COMMISSION NEWS

MAKE MUSIC SEATTLE TO FILL SEATTLE PARKS WITH MUSIC THIS SUNDAY

MAKE MUSIC SEATTLE

Get ready for the streets and parks of Seattle to fill with music during Make Music Seattle this Sunday, June 21. Make Music Seattle, a Seattle Music Commission supported event produced by Gigs4U, is part of a free world-wide music celebration held annually on the Summer Solstice. Make Music Seattle is open to everyone who wants to take part. Check out the programming schedule to see when and where you can catch free performances throughout the day.



INDUSTRY NEWS

EMP TO HOST HIP HOP ARTIST RESIDENCY WITH MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS

EMP MUSEUM

EMP Museum is partnering with Arts Corps and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis to offer a two-week intensive Hip-Hop Artist Residency focusing on hip-hop and creative songwriting. This Hip-Hop Artist Residency is designed exclusively for low-income teens from King County with limited access to high-quality arts education. Aiming to directly address the access barriers many underserved youth and families face when asked to choose between paying for an experiential learning opportunity beyond their means and getting a summer job, this camp is an opportunity for youth to pursue their artistic development and be compensated for their talent.



ARTS COMMUNITY RECEPTION FOR SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

SEATTLE THEATRE GROUP

Seattle Theatre Group will host a reception for 2016 Seattle City Council Candidates and Seattle's creative community in the lobby of The Paramount Theatre on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. It's a chance for people involved in the creative industries to ask prospective City Council members the two questions foremost on their minds: what do you see as the most challenging arts issues facing Seattle, and if you are elected, how would you advance the arts in Seattle?



HONK! FEST WEST, INTERNATIONAL STREET BAND FESTIVAL, RETURNS FOR 8TH YEAR

HONK! FEST WEST

HONK! Fest West will host free events around Seattle this weekend in conjunction with the summer solstice celebration, adding a fun, musical aspect as the parade and surrounding events mark the beginning of summer. Friday - Drum Battle in Georgetown; Saturday - Solstice celebration music at Gasworks Park; Sunday - Music in the Central District and Seattle Center. Check out the [lineup](#) for exact times and locations.



SEATTLE FILM INSTITUTE TO HOST MEET & GREET AND TOUR

SEATTLE FILM INSTITUTE

Seattle Film Institute will host a Meet & Greet for prospective students to learn how to get ready for a career in film, talk with faculty, and see SFI's production facilities first hand. SFI is the Northwest's largest film school offering unique, cutting edge programs, including BA and MA in Filmmaking, a "hands-on" film summer program, and part-time programs. The Meet & Greet takes place Saturday, June 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



KICKSTART SEATTLE FILM + MUSIC PROJECTS

KICKSTARTER

This week, check out these Seattle Kickstarter campaigns: "**Nancy Erickson's new 'Odyssey' CD Project**," the new studio album from Nancy Erickson; "**Animals of Grace Debut Album: Songs of Shattering**," music inspired by the beautiful struggle between wilderness and urban spaces, using the poetry of Edna St. Vincent Millay; and "**Out of the Rough: Stories from Fir State Golf Club**," a film about a determined group of Seattle golfers who become some of the earliest heroes in the fight for equality and racial justice in the U.S.



OPPORTUNITIES

ORCAS ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL TO AWARD THREE \$2,500 FILMMAKING GRANTS

ORCAS ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL SUBMISSIONS

The second annual Orcas Island Film Festival is awarding three \$2,500 grants to film anywhere in San Juan County during the summer of 2015. The winner of this series will be shown at the Orcas Island Film Festival (October 9-12, 2015) and at the 2016 Seattle International Film Festival. Submit your script by June 30, 2015.



MEDIA DIGEST

LISTEN: FIGHTING FOR ARTS: 'ALL YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE TO SING'

KUOW

Many artists and arts educators believe that making art is second nature to humans. And they believe it helps kids learn. But somehow, by the time children reach their teens, many lose their enthusiasm for creative activities. Experts say that lack of arts curriculum in schools may be to blame. The City of Seattle, the Seattle Public School District, the Seattle Foundation, and a host of nonprofit community-based arts organizations are trying to change that with the **Creative Advantage**.



FREMONT SOLSTICE FAIR ACTS WILL SHINE

SEATTLE TIMES

The Fremont Solstice Fair, which has been going since 1974, offers a glimpse of Seattle's quirky, whimsical side, with its famous parade of (painted) nude bicyclists. But the annual turn-of-the-summer revel should also get some attention for stepping up its musical game. This year's festival features Seattle bands including the Presidents of the United States of America, Fox and the Law, solid rockers, and Jones and the Way.



WEST SEATTLE WINS KEXP HOOD-TO-HOOD CHALLENGE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

WEST SEATTLE BLOG

If you liked the May 29 KEXP Hood-To-Hood victory party in West Seattle, there's good news: West Seattle just won the challenge again. With Seattle neighborhoods competing to donate the most to KEXP, West Seattle was about a thousand dollars ahead of Capitol Hill and vicinity at the close of the donation period. It'll be a while before the date and other details are set, but stay tuned.



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