

MAY 2021

Calendar of Online Events



5th Ave Arts Festival Apr. 24-May 3

A celebration of the rich cultural Heritage of a Historic African American Community, using the arts and other activities. This year will be virtual event and all vendor and artist "booths" will be free. The festival began in the summer of 1979 when group University of Florida students and community residents joined together to organize an event to share and promote the rich cultural history of the Fifth Avenue/Seminary Lane community.

www.culturalartscoalition.org

Micheaux Film Festival Apr. 26-May 2

A multicultural film festival that showcases and celebrates diverse representation in the entertainment landscape, while cultivating a community that gives artists an opportunity to tell their unique stories. In addition to the screening content, filmmakers and attendees had access to networking mixers, Q&A panels, and several Master Class workshops.

<https://filmfreeway.com/TheMicheauxFilmFestival>

Spring Quilt Festival Online Apr. 28-May 1

Virtual show-goers will view competition quilts as well as quilts in special exhibits, shop the Merchants Mall vendors online, and take virtual, interactive workshops from the comfort of home. Returning for SQF Online, quilters may enter the "Visuals #4" Quilt Competition Online.

www.quiltfest.com

OhioDance Virtual Festival Apr. 30-May 2

Rebuilding Legacy: Inclusivity and Equity in dance. Guest artist will be Los Angeles Choreographer, James Gregg. Throughout the weekend there will be performances, films, dance sessions and demonstrations.

www.ohiodance.org

The Festival of Literary Diversity May 1-15

Canada's first festival devoted to the work of marginalized and underrepresented authors and storytellers. A festival pass allows users to access forty live virtual events from May 1-15 on a virtual platform that includes opportunities to chat with other guests, vendors, and authors, as well as opportunities to earn fantastic book-ish products on the virtual Leaderboard. Recordings from all of the festival events, including a special library of pre-recorded events from festival partners, will be available to watch and re-watch until the end of the month.

www.thefoldcanada.org

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration May 2

Recognizing Seattle's strong ties with Asia and the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our region through culturally-influenced music and dance and a celebrity hum bow eating contest.

www.seattlecenter.com

Duluth Homegrown Music Festival May 2-9

An annual community celebration of the original and diverse music of Duluth, Minn. and its surrounding communities. What started in 1999 with five acts has matured in its 22nd year to an eight-day community-wide local music, arts and cultural extravaganza.

www.duluthhomegrown.org

Iowa New Play Festival May 3-7

Join our annual week-long festival of new work written by MFA and undergraduate playwrights. Four full productions and daily staged readings are presented to audiences that include visiting professional writers, dramaturgs, directors, producers, theatre lovers, and new play enthusiasts.

<https://theatre.uiowa.edu>

Crosscut Festival May 3-8

Festival programming will include a week of virtual conversations available online and select sessions will be broadcast on KCTS. Speakers from across the nation and around the region will join us to consider issues in politics, social justice, the economy, science, the environment, and the arts.

<https://festival.crosscut.com>

Oklahoma Virtual Technology Festival May 4

Will offer an opportunity for Developmental Disabilities Services staff, providers, families and self-advocates to learn about emerging remote support services. The event will highlight technology solutions and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://okddc.ok.gov>

Pittsburgh Virtual Fringe May 6-9

An all-out, no-holds-barred, inclusive multi-disciplinary performing arts festival featuring international, national and local artists. The festival will showcase theater (physical, street, musical), comedy, visual arts, puppetry, family entertainment, music, dance, spoken word, opera, poetry, literature and shows we haven't even thought of yet! www.pittsburghfringe.org



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Milwaukee Film Festival May 6-20

Nightly talk show-style conversations with filmmakers, in-depth panels, and more. A pass provides you with the chance to access all Festival films and virtual events through our virtual platform! Passes will offer access to all virtual film content.

www.mkefilm.org/festival

Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival May 14-16

Search the artists' booths for hidden prizes in our virtual scavenger hunt. Visit the Leon Theodore Schools Exhibit displaying amazing works of art by Central Florida elementary, middle and high school students. Participate in virtual art projects at the Children's Workshop with thirteen local museums and learning centers participating. Watch demonstrations and live chat with favorite artists.

www.wpsaf.org

West Valley Island Cultural Festival May 15

A multicultural festival that celebrates music and dance performances and considers the earth a big island surrounded by water. The festival features Arizona's finest instructors, guest artists from outside of Arizona, educational workshops, as well as the best local food vendors. The festival embraces other dance styles from around the world. Includes beginners, amateurs, and professional performers; giving all the chance for performance opportunities. Live streamed online on Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube.

www.wvislandculturalfest.com

NewFilmmakers Los Angeles Monthly Film Festival May 15

InFocus: Asian Cinema program, spotlighting and celebrating Asian filmmakers and stories from around the world across two shorts programs featuring work by emerging Asian and Asian-American directors. The day's programming also includes an eclectic collection of "Spring Shorts," from NFMLA's ongoing selection. Each screening will take place virtually and will be followed by a live Q&A via Zoom.

www.newfilmmakersla.com

Wild & Scenic Film Festival May 21

It's the largest film festival of its kind, showcasing the best and brightest in environmental and adventure films, and inspiring a love of nature. Those who register will enjoy a two-hour film program that will air live at 7pm, and can be watched at any time, on demand through midnight Sunday, May 23rd. Festival viewers can expect to see award-winning environmentally inspired short films, and have the opportunity to learn more about POST and Midpen's work here on the Peninsula and in the South Bay.

www.openspacetrust.org

Grauzone Festival May 21-22

Exclusive live performances from some of the best-known and unknown acts in the scene, interviews, art, unseen archive footage throughout Grauzone's history and more! This online edition will be freely accessible worldwide.

www.grauzonefestival.nl

Canal Town Virtual Book Fest May 22

The Tuscarawas Valley's largest author fair is coming your way, this time virtually. Regional authors will be coming together on Facebook and Zoom for a day of fellowship, panel discussions, and giveaways. Don't miss this great opportunity to connect with authors and learn about writing.

www.doverlibrary.org

Central Ohio Folk Festival May 22

A unique, engaging, and interactive experience with something for everyone, including the kids! Virtually broadcast Main Stage features an eclectic range of roots music: folk, bluegrass, old-time, Americana and more. Other festival events include: 7 interactive music workshops covering instruments such as the ukulele, guitar, banjo and old-time fiddle and multiple hours of interactive children's programming, including crafts.

www.columbusfolkmusicsociety.org

The Maryland Iron Festival May 22-23

The festival will commemorate the state as a center for the craft of ironmaking and explore the contributions of ironmaking sites from across Maryland and Pennsylvania. The festival will feature traditional blacksmithing, period music, traditional food preparation demonstrations, garden and trail tours, artisan demonstrations, children's activities, fascinating archaeology talks about the amazing discoveries at Catocin Furnace, and more. There will be some Live and Interactive Sessions!

www.catocinfurnace.org

Palm Springs Bachata and Salsa Festival May 22-23

13+ workshops via Zoom. Artists confirmed: Karel Flores (NY), Fausto Felix (NY), Michelle Morales (NY), Sammy El Magico (Paris), Erica Reyna (LA), Ernesto Lopez (MX), Desiree Valenzuela (MX), and many more!

www.palmspringsbachatafestival.com

Florida Folk Festival May 28-30

A three-day celebration of the music, dance, stories, crafts and food that make Florida unique. The festival will be held virtually, on YouTube and our social media channels. The public is invited to watch the best of Florida's music, art and more on these digital platforms. From Irish fiddle tunes, techno contra dancing and chocolate covered Key Lime pie, to the wide varieties of music brought by immigrants, the state's cultural heritage reflects the lives of generations of Florida families and communities.

www.floridastateparks.org/FloridaFolkFestival

HowTheLightGetsIn May 29

Streaming live across the world, join us for a day of free-thinking events at the boundaries of thought. Meet leading thinkers in groundbreaking debates in a unique virtual reality site. Join live discussions with an eclectic mix of philosophers, scientists, politicians and writers. Watch hundreds of talks and debates from previous HowTheLightGetsIn festivals. Take insightful educational courses from thinkers at the top of their fields.

www.howthelightgetsin.org

Northwest Folklife Festival May 28-31

The festival takes place virtually on Memorial Day weekend on nwfolklife.org, Facebook, and Twitch! Since 1972, Northwest Folklife has been deeply committed to celebrating the diversity of our Northwest communities and demystifying our differences together, under one roof. Our work centers on preserving cultural arts, bridging connections to heritage and identity, and cultivating the living, evolving traditions of the Pacific Northwest.

www.nwfolklife.org