

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Salmon Arts Council exists to foster the growth, awareness and appreciation of the arts and humanities in Lemhi County through the provision and promotion of diverse, high-quality artistic and cultural experiences.

## Sponsor's Sneak Preview Gala Receives Raves



President Mary Ann Oberhaus greets the Sponsor's Gala audience.

Kudos to *all* who attended the premiere of our 2006-2007 season May 13. Sponsors, members, volunteers—our hats are off to you!

In an attempt to streamline our operation and secure sponsors for the artists' fees in advance of performances, we threw a party by invitation only. Invitations were mailed to corporate, foundation, SAC members (who had responded to our call last newsletter), and individual do-

nors who support the arts.

Guests were treated to gourmet hors d'oeuvres, wine and beverages, and pampered with the elegance of Stewart Carrington's delightful piano selections. The evening's program included a presentation of each event introduced by one of our four presenters and accompanied by a sampling of the artist's repertoire.

The second part of the evening included an unveiling of the new SAC **Sponsors Benefits Recognition Program**: a description of each sponsor category and all the advertising and promotional advantages offered. The new levels of sponsorship are: Bronze - \$250; Silver - \$500; Gold - \$1,000; and, Platinum - \$2,000+. Pledge tables were available where sponsors selected the event(s) they wished to support. The evening's pledges totaled \$13,500, a healthy 45% toward our season's artist fees. For those who wanted to attend but

were unavailable, a package of information was mailed and responses are still forthcoming.

Artist fees for this season's programming are \$30,250, exclusive of lodging, meals, venue, and promotional costs. In order to keep our ticket prices affordable we rely heavily on local sponsors to supplement the increasingly competitive grant monies. Each dollar donated is tax deductible either as an advertising expense or as a charitable contribution.

We believe the enthusiasm and generosity generated at our inaugural Gala will set a precedent for years to come. It was a splendid evening made possible through the countless hours of volunteer efforts and the generosity of those who pledged to make this our best year ever. In turn, we, the Board, are pledging to give you our best.

We still have pledge spots available and invite you to contact Janice at the SAC office

## NEW LOOK, NEW NAME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Back in April, we announced a contest to "Name the Newsletter," a move to better reflect the creativity and spirit of the Salmon Arts Council. Many wonderful names were submitted, but our winning selection, *The Muse*, best captured the heart and soul of SAC.

In Greek mythology, the Muses were the patron goddesses of the arts, serving to inspire and guide poets, musicians, and artists. Today, writers, artists, and musicians invoke their "muse" as a source of inspiration. How appropriate, then, to name our quarterly newsletter in honor of a spirit that serves to inspire and stimulate our members' interest in the arts and humanities. Thank you to Board member Beth Waterbury for the suggestion.

With our new name comes a new, sleeker newsletter format. The change grew out of our desire to publish a more succinct, readable, and professional newsletter. The new format also cuts printing costs and use of paper.

We hope you approve of *The Muse* in name, format, and content. Please let us know what you think. Your comments and feedback are important to us!



## Children's Art in the Park

August 10, 11, 12 - 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Island Park, Salmon

Hey kids of all ages! Come join the fun at the Salmon Arts Council's Annual Art in the Park for children. There will be all sorts of neat projects such as marshmallow sculpture, clay sculpture, spin-art, beading, face painting and more! Tickets for projects are sold at the event with most projects priced at 25 cents.

## 2006-2007 Season Kicks Off with The Clumsy Lovers Friday, July 7—7:30 p.m.—Sacajawea Center Outdoor Amphitheatre

Surgeon General's Warning: This band, may burst into flames at any moment. Listen at your own risk. Here's the recipe. Take heaping helpings of the following: the Ozark Mountains; a gallon or two of Irish whiskey; two Pina Coladas; cowboy poetry; the devil in boots; and a denim skirt. Blend together and what do you have? The Clumsy Lovers.

If you haven't heard of them you're missing out. This Canadian band is more fun to watch than Richard Simmons sweating to the oldies and more energetic. A five-piece ensemble from Vancouver, Canada, The Clumsy Lovers perform genre-bending original music that draws equally on old-time folk, gospel, modern rock, and Celtic influences. All of it is set to a snappy two-step bass-snare backbeat, caffeinated guitar strumming, and machine-gun banjo and fiddle playing. The vocals have a southern blues-based feel that will make you glow like the Aurora Borealis. Not only



do their songs make the listener want to get out of his or her seat and dance around the room, but their lyrics are soulful and enchanting. They could hold their own against the Chieftains or the Del McCoury Band...rolling back the rug and getting the party underway.

The Clumsy Lovers are sponsored by the good folks at **BUDWEISER-Watkins Distributing** and **Salmon-Challis Funeral Home**. SAC salutes the support of these fine businesses.

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## be·mused

Bemused, a new feature of our newsletter, shines the spotlight on our members and their picks for summer entertainment.

**Dottie Sharp** recommends *The Minotaur* by Barbara Vine, a gothic-inspired novel of a dysfunctional family locked in a power struggle. Dottie enjoys the author and her well-crafted characters. Another good read is *The Power of the Dog* by Thomas Savage, with an afterward by Annie Proulx. The story traces the tense relationship between two brothers on a Montana ranch in the 1920s.

**Darrell Bidstrup** is revisiting the reggae roots music known as 'ska' and 'blue beat' that he grew up with in the '60's. Darrell enjoys the off-beat rhythms of ska and the boogie shuffle tempo and doo-wop of blue beat. Both of these pre-reggae music genres were derived from American jazz and R&B. Recommended artists are The Blues Busters and The Heptones.

**Jane Burke** - "Very funny!" is how Jane describes the 1968 Mel Brooks directed film, *The Producers*, starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder - her pick for DVD. For fast, enjoyable summer reading, Jane suggests Anita Shreve's mysteries *The Pilot's Wife* and *The*



**Friday, July 21 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Sacajawea Center Outdoor Amphitheatre**

Sponsored by *Ultimate Outdoor Photography & Adventures*

From the beautiful Coast of Canada comes this extraordinary quintet, renowned among folk music fans for their instrumental virtuosity, exuberant live performances, and refreshingly innovative stylings of traditional tunes from around the globe. Since forming in 1996, The Bills have toured theatres and festivals from Copenhagen to California, thrilling audiences with their breath-taking musical explorations and their natural onstage humor and charm. Whether entertaining an intimate theatre audience or a festival crowd of 10,000, these five gifted multi-instrumentalists are masters at bridging the gulf between stage and audience to create a completely unique and exciting musical experience.

**Admission: \$15 General; \$12 SAC Members; \$10 Students**

## "OPEN MIKE" NIGHT AT CAVANESS PARK

Live music is the happening thing on Wednesday evenings (weather permitting) at Cavaness Park, across from the Salmon Valley Center. Folks have been meeting Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to share their music with all who wish to enjoy.

Everyone - musicians and listeners - are welcome to join in for these casual summer evenings of music in the park. Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets! For more information call Karen Sholes at 756-3898.

## 2006-2007 SEASON PASS NOW AVAILABLE!

Once again, SAC will offer our members a discounted annual Season Pass for the 2006-2007 season (excluding dinner theatre). This is a user-friendly, flexible, and affordable way to enjoy the concerts, performances, and events this coming year. The Season Pass offers admission to 10 events for \$100. It is dated at the time of purchase and is valid for the following year. The Season Pass can save members as much as \$50 per year in admission fees! The SAC Season Pass makes a fabulous gift for your family, friends, and yourself. Season Passes can be purchased at the SAC



## OF GLASS BEADS AND BALLOTS

Any nonprofit worth its salt has an obligation to monitor the satisfaction of its members and program participants. Input from our members and the community we serve helps us evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of our programs in relation to SAC's mission. Most importantly, it keeps us responsive to you - our valued members.

In early 2006, SAC introduced a performance evaluation procedure we've named the "glass bead ballot." At the end of a performance, SAC volunteers distribute a glass bead to each audience member. Audience members then drop their bead into 1 of 5 containers labeled: Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; and Poor, rating their concert experience.

Results for the Terrance Simien concert held in February 2006 showed: 94% Excellent; 4% Very Good; and 2% Good (164 ballots cast). The Harlem Gospel Choir rated 93% Excellent; 4% Very Good; 2% Good; and 1% Fair (125 ballots cast). The next time we offer you a glass bead, please help us serve

## upcoming events

**July 1-31 - Salmon Valley Art Show**  
Salmon Valley Center

**July 7 - The Clumsy Lovers**  
7:30 pm, Sacajawea Center Outdoor Amphitheatre

**July 21 - The Bills**  
7:30 pm, Sacajawea Center Outdoor Amphitheatre

**July 29 - Shakespeare in the Parks**  
*Love's Labor's Lost*, 6:30 pm, Island Park, Salmon  
Our beloved Montana Shakespeare in the Parks graces Salmon's Island Park once again for its 34th summer season, presenting "Love's Labour's Lost" - Will Shakespeare's giddy romp about love and learning. Admission: \$10 General; \$8 SAC members; Students (18 years and under) \$5; 1 student free with each adult ticket. Sponsored by **Auto Clinic**.

**Aug 5 - "Smokin' on the River of No Return" Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival**  
with Carlos del Junco, Joan Zen, and The Mike Bader Band, Island Park, doors open at 5:00 pm.

**Aug 10-12 - Childrens' Art in the Park**  
1:00 - 4:00 pm, Island Park, Salmon

**September 21 - George Winston**  
7:30 pm, Salmon Valley Center  
George Winston is heralded as one of the greatest atmospheric piano composers of non-classical music. His melodic folk piano evokes the essence of changing seasons and distinct landscapes. At the Salmon Valley Center. Reservations recommended. Sponsored by **salmonidaho.com** and the **Salmon Art Guild**.

**September 25-30 - Missoula Children's Theatre, "Robin Hood"**  
Missoula Children's Theatre provides a week-long residency "starring" scores of our local students

**2nd Annual  
BLUES  
BREWS  
& BBQs  
FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday,  
August 5  
Island Park**



*smokin' on the river of no return*

Sponsored by

**Steele Memorial Medical Center  
Bertram's Salmon Valley Brewery  
Salmon Air**

Back by popular demand, SAC mixes a sizzling summer recipe of great blues entertainment, barbeque fare, and fine ales. This year's festivities feature world-champion harp player Carlos del Junco. Havana-born, Ontario-raised del Junco has over the course of his 15-year career elevated the status of the humble 10-hole diatonic mouth harp to the equivalent of a Stradivarius violin. del Junco's crack band achieves an astonishingly complex yet seamless fusion of blues, country, funk, jazz, and swampy roots rock. Joan Zen and Soul Evolution open the festival, delivering a unique mixture of funky-soul, rock, and blues. Also appearing is The Mike Bader Band, a powerful live act known for its infectious energy, stinging lead guitar, ringing slide, and smokey vocals spiced with R&B, zydeco, and funk.

Bertram's Salmon Valley Brewery will be tapping kegs of their award-winning microbrews to enjoy with a variety of mouth-watering barbeque selections prepared on-site by renown chefs. Included is a Barbeque Cook-Off with a "People's Choice" award for yummiest cuisine. So get "Smokin' on the River of No Return" and join us for samplings of the blues, Bertram's brews, and fabulous barbeques at this highlight event of the summer.

**Admission: \$15 Adults; \$10 Students**

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