



New Summer Solstice Festival Brings Art, Performance, and Community to Boise

BOISE, ID — The Starbelly School of Dance presents the inaugural **Starbelly Sacred Arts Festival**, a free, two-day summer solstice celebration taking place **June 13–14, 2026** at the **Expo Idaho Rose Garden**. The festival brings together a curated marketplace, live performances, and interactive art experiences in a vibrant, all-ages event centered on creativity, connection, and community.

Rooted in creativity, collaboration, and community, the festival offers a welcoming space where high-quality artistry meets playful, accessible engagement.

Created with the **blessing and support of the long-running Goddess Fest community**, the Starbelly Sacred Arts Festival carries forward that spirit of connection, creativity, and celebration while introducing a fresh vision and new energy for Boise's arts scene.

Festival highlights include:

- A juried marketplace featuring handmade art, crafts, and creative goods
- Live performances across dance, music, and interdisciplinary arts
- A community tent with interactive and educational art demonstrations
- Food trucks and local vendors
- A vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere open to all

The performance lineup features a dynamic mix of local and regional talent, including **Dusty and the Dustmites**, **Highway 45**, **Miss Bones**, **Cairo Fusion**, and **Erik Messal (Los Angeles)**, alongside multiple appearances by the **Starbelly Dancers**. From live music and belly dance to movement arts and interactive demonstrations, the stage will offer a continuously evolving experience throughout the weekend.

“We wanted to create something that feels both elevated and welcoming—where artists are supported and the community feels invited in,” says Artistic Director Cecilia Rinn.

“Joyful, creative gatherings matter right now. They help us reconnect, and this festival is about celebrating that spirit—come celebrate in the sun with us.”

The official festival poster features original hand artwork by Chad Rinn, with graphic design by Keela Cooper, reflecting the luminous, expressive spirit of the event.

The festival is made possible in part through the support of community partners and sponsors including **The Comedy Lounge**, **Crone’s Cupboard**, and **Rustic Raven**, whose contributions help bring this gathering to life.

About Starbelly School of Dance

The Starbelly School of Dance and its professional company, the Starbelly Dancers, have been a cornerstone of the Treasure Valley arts community for over three decades. Known for creating original theatrical productions and community-centered performances, Starbelly blends traditional Raks Sharki with contemporary movement, storytelling, and live music. The company performs locally and nationally and has received support from the Boise City Department of Arts and History, the Idaho Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Alexa Rose Foundation.

Event Details

What: Starbelly Sacred Arts Festival

When: Saturday, June 13 (10 AM – 8 PM) & Sunday, June 14 (10 AM – 5 PM)

Where: Expo Idaho Rose Garden, Boise, ID

Cost: Free and open to the public (all ages)

For more information, visit:

<https://starbellyschoolofdance.com/sacred-arts-festival>