FOREST PARK ARTS ALLIANCE

A "picture" from the President

While you're waiting to get to work in the garden, or conduct your spring cleaning, please get your appointment book out and start filling in FPAA activities. We have scheduled many exciting events for the next few months (see Events below).

Did you know that Shakespeare's birthday is April 23rd? The Forest Park Theatre, in collaboration with Piacere Mio, is hosting Shakespeare's birthday party. Visit www.fptheatre.org to purchase tickets ($60 + $2.81 PayPal service fee) to the birthday party benefit to be held on Sunday, April 23 from Noon to 2:00 pm. The Theatre is also presenting Sara Treem reading from her play *The How and The Why* at Exit Strategy on May 21 at 7:00 pm. Tickets $20

Our Tellers' Night program, has been a great success. The FPAA presents 5 to 6 Tellers' to relate their personal stories on a Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. Exit Strategy Brewing Company will be our partner in hosting the events and providing a cash bar. Smokey Joel will be there selling hot dogs and chips. We have scheduled three Tellers' Night for **April 11**, May 9 and June 6. Doors open at 6:30 pm. and tickets are $15.00 / $10.00 for FPAA members.

Don't miss out on the 48-Hour Film Festival next month - continue reading...

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48-Hour Film Festival and Red Carpet Gala

Teams in the categories of Junior High, High School, and Adult will gather on Friday evening, May 12th for the initial meeting and receive assignment parameters to create a short video. They will have 2 days to write, produce, film and edit a 5 - 12 minute video to turn in 48 hours later on Sunday, May 14 at a to-be-named venue. The films will be reviewed and a public showing will occur the next weekend, in the style of a Red Carpet Gala.

There is a nominal fee ($10 for students, $25 for adults) to encourage completion of the project, but entrance to the Red Carpet Gala will be included for the team members. The Gala and Film Festival will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 7:00 pm at St. Bernardine Fearon Hall at 815 Elgin Avenue. Additional fine artists and a musician or musical group will also be featured.

For more information or a registration form, please email forestparkarts@gmail.com with "48 Hours" in the subject line.

Meet the Artist

Daniel Marcus is currently a Forest Park based artist who was born and raised in the north suburbs of Chicago. Passionate for Theater, Music, and Photography, Daniel decided to combine everything he loves and went on to earn a BFA in Film at the University of Colorado – Boulder. During his education, he focused on Experimental film and Interdisciplinary art, studying under professors/artists; Stan Brakhage and Robert Schaller. Shying away from linear narrative storytelling, Daniel prefers to experiment in transcendental filmmaking by manipulating space and time through editing, sound and digital effects.

Early on in his career, Daniel and a few of his friends noticed that many young people in the film business have dreams of being professional artists but quickly become disenfranchised, never having the opportunity to share their artwork with their peers. With a few friends, under the leadership of Mo Wadgy, they started "MoFest." It was a chance for members of the commercial film community to come together and support the artwork of their colleagues who work professionally as crew members. "It's was a good reminder of why we got into this business. We are all artists! Set builders, grips, production assistants, and accountants chose this business because of their love for the medium and the spirit of collaboration." The fest lasted 7 years, growing bigger and more demanding each year. Becoming too popular, especially within the ad community, the fest lost its grass roots charm and they collectively decided to end the fest.

Daniel's favorite component that was integrated for 4 of those years was the 48hour Film Challenge. Something he would like to see reborn here in Forest Park. "I think this town is full of untapped potential. Everyone in this community has something to contribute. Sometimes, we just need an assignment and a little pressure to help push us to reveal the artists that is inside all of us. By collaborating with our neighbors and peers in a positive way, I hope this challenge will be a catalyst to unlock our potential and amplify the voice that is uniquely Forest Park."

Summer Stoop Sessions

Stoop Sessions is an ongoing Forest Park Arts Alliance (FPAA) program featuring accomplished FP musical talents that play to audiences of 50 to 70 attendees for an hour at 7 pm on a Forest Park front porch. What a great way to spend an evening with friends and neighbors. In 2023, the FPAA will host five Stoop Sessions again sponsored by Mark Hanson – State Farm Agent, 7601 Madison Street. (See dates below).

If you know a musician or if you'd like to offer your "stoop", please send contact information to forestparkarts@gmail.com with "Stoop Session" in the subject line.

EVENTS

Tellers' Night – Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Exit Strategy
Tellers' Night – Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Exit Strategy
Tellers' Night – Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Exit Strategy
Shakespeare's Birthday Party – Sunday, April 23 – Noon – 2:00 pm, Piacere Mio
Theatre Reading – Sunday, May 21 – 7:00 pm, Exit Strategy

SAVE THESE DATES

Friday, May 12 – 48-Hour Film Registration and assignments – (Location TBD)
Saturday, May 20 – 48 Hour Red Carpet Gala and Film Festival
Tuesday, June 13 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, June 15)
Tuesday, June 27 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, June 29)
Tuesday, July 11 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, July 13)
Tuesday, July 25 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, July 27)
Tuesday, August 8 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, August 10)
Weekends, August 4 – 6 and 11 – 13 – Shakespeare in the Park
Saturday, August 26 – Garage Galleries, Noon until 6:00 pm

Visit www.forestparkarts.org for more information.