

Summer Solstice Music Festival

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Today the sun came up and the only sounds I can hear on the Slough are those of the crows, eagles and swallows.. and of course, the rhythms of the tides as they tick off the time. We are back on 's Natures time so to speak...

This last weekend, however, Seldovia hosted the most incredible line up of performers we've experienced so far. Susan B. English School Commons rocked to the varied and eclectic sounds of headliners: Ann Rabson, Geoff Muldaur, James Lee Stanley, Radoslav Lorokvic, Robin Hopper, Rick Brooks, Mike Campbell, the Emeralds, The Holly Wiley Band, The Wild Cards, Earl and Alice Mullins, the Alaska Flute Circle, The Short and Tall of It and juJuba. Every performance was outstanding! The Seldovia Arts Council would like to thank each one of you for making this the event that just "clicked" musically and spiritually. Lots of people have commented that it was the best ever.

As the Director of the Seldovia Summer Solstice Music Festival, I would like to especially thank all the lodging establishments and



homes who hosted the performers. Mike and Mary Webber did double duty for their untiring support of the festival, both by housing folks and the travel they have provided for the performers. I would like to thank the "crew" for their efforts, especially the Seldovia Arts Council board members, who provided the backbone and support for the event and who keep the arts alive in Seldovia *all year long*. Heartfelt thanks goes to Dan McElrath and Earl Mullens on the soundboard who came to our aid to helped us in our area of least expertise.



Sponsorship was great this year too! Thanks everyone who provided that added financial help for our event! Every contribution was appreciated and needed. Without you as sponsors, the event can't take place. I think it is important to add that the festival is a non-drinking and non-smoking event. To me, this makes the event really special because everyone of all ages can come and feel free to enjoy the music. Thanks to all who appreciate this way of looking at music and love it enough to come to the school to listen to it in it's purest forms.

To put it in the words of Plato:

Music is the
Moral Law.
It gives life to
the Universe.
Wings to the



mind.
Flight to the
Imagination.
Charm to
Sadness
It gives gaiety
and life to
everything!
It is the
essence of
order and
lends to all
that is good

This is the true purpose of this event in my mind and the reason for its being, because music is nothing short of a miracle.

Much love to the Community of Seldovia.









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