

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



F-E-S-T-I-V-A-L Season is upon us!

What a grand year it has been! I cannot believe how fast the year is flying by...it seems like just yesterday we were welcoming in the New Year. Together we have created a wonderful start to 2014 and we are just getting warmed up.

We are so honored and grateful to be hosting the people of Sakha to share their art & cultures with us this June. You never know where a conversation is going to end up...we are waiting with open arms for our travelers from afar bearing offerings to our community.

In July we have some traditional favorites: the Global Harmony Summer Adventure Camp, Auto Show, Summernationals Pinewood Derby, Chamber Music Weekend, and a new opportunity to learn how to sing harmony with a workshop and concert titled "A Concert Starring You!"

The 53rd annual Art in the Redwoods plans are coming along nicely this year, August 14-17, 2014. At the heart of the Festival is the fine art exhibit where we expect to have over 200 artists displaying over 300 pieces of art. We have 16 categories this year including a new "Emerging Artists Award" for best work by an artist under 18 years of age. Thanks to the generosity of our community we will be awarding \$5,000 in prize monies. Applications are now available at Gualala Arts Center, Dolphin Gallery and online at GualalaArts.org. Deadline is July 21 for the first 420 entries.

We are very pleased to welcome back Rosemary Campiformio and the St. Orres family to head up our Top Hat Dinner! They very generously donated everything last year to make it a true fundraiser as well a magical jump-start to the Festival weekend.

Of course, team leaders are already lining up volunteers to assist our dozens of volunteer committees that make Art in the Redwoods run so smoothly. If you are looking to help out and join in on all the fun please contact one of the committee leaders or Sara King at sara@GualalaArts.org or call her 884-1138.

As usual we could not create such a remarkable season without our generous patrons, sponsors and attendees. We have a full list of sponsorship opportunities and Festival activities on our website if you are interested in sponsoring this great event. By attending events and dinners, donating cash, in-kind food & drink, housing and prize awards, and of course volunteer sweat equity we have created a Festival Season to be proud of!

Hope to see you at ALL of the Gualala Arts Festivals!!!

with sincere gratitude...

David 'Sus' Susalla
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Gualala Arts, Inc.