

For Immediate Release: Point Arena's Almost Fringe Festival

Point Arena, CA - The Point Arena Merchants Association brings Mendocino County's Almost Fringe Festival to Point Arena on April 28, 29 and 30 with fun events for everyone.

Loosely based on the International Fringe Festival, this event is a celebration of all things creative, with multiple venues and diverse offerings throughout the weekend.

The festival begins Friday with art openings at two locations on Main Street. **The Coast Highway Artists Collective's** opening, from 5:00-7:00 features the works of **Elizabeth Beronich Sheets and Doric Jemison-Ball**, as well as poetry and movement by **Blake More** and a musical guest.

Also from 5:00-7:00, **215 Main** hosts **David Floyd's** Ascension art opening with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, followed by live music from **Odd Job Ensemble** at 8:00.

Along historic Main Street from 5:00 – 7:00 there will be strolling musical troubadours and street performers.

The Pier Chowder House & Tap Room joins the festivities by hosting a five-course Brew Master's Dinner with Georgetown Brewing Company at 6:00 (reservations required. 707-882-3400).

After dinner, festival attendees will want to head to the **Arena Theater** for **Zepparella**, an all female Led Zeppelin cover band, from 9:00-11:00.

The festival kicks into high gear on Saturday, April 29 at noon with **street performers**, a **Pop-up Art Gallery & Market**, and **live music**.

From the stage in City Park, **Sumthin'Zebra** will play at 12:00, followed by **Middle Children's** rock-n-roll at 1:30 and **Black Sugar Rose** at 3:00 with acoustic sounds of country, bluegrass and Americana.

Street performers include **Tango Dancers** in Centennial Plaza from 1:00-2:30 and the **Ukulele Club** in the Coast Community Library foyer from 2:30-3:30, as well as many other surprises including musical troubadours, street and dance performers throughout the day along Main Street.

The **Pop-up Art Gallery & Market**, located at 235 Main Street (Arena Pharmacy Parking Lot), runs from 12:00 until 5:00 on Saturday. Local artists, artisans, craft folks, and farmers show and sell their wares, including painting, jewelry, clothing, woodwork, etched glass and mixed media.

The **Coast Highway Artists Collective** hosts live music, with **Fast Company** at 1:00 and the **Keith Abrams Jazz Group** at 5:00.

Many Main Street merchants join the fun on Saturday with special events and open houses. **Action Network** will host **Face Painting** from 1:00-4:00, **Skinluv Day Spa** is offering mini-facial demonstrations, **Roots Herbal Apothecary** is offering a 15% discount on all locally produced and handcrafted items, **Outback Garden & Feed** is hosting a Dog Lover's contest while both **Blossom** and **Little Green Bean** will hold open houses with special offerings.

At 3:00 **The Zen House** is hosting the Fringe Art of Motorcycle Collecting with three well-known collectors, John Goldman from San Francisco, Peter Richardson from Hopland and Will Guyan from Gualala.

The **Point Arena General Store** will offer food and Fringe Antics from 12:00-5:00 and **Chef Aaron Peters**, of **Bird Cafe & Supper Club**, will host a Pop-up Restaurant serving festival fare in the afternoon.

Point Arena's newest art gallery, **The Amulet**, will hold its grand opening on Saturday. **MOA/House in the Country** will be open from 12:00-4:00, showing art by **Gary Amerigian** and **Josephine Alexander**.

One of the most unique events, combining both art and nature, is Painting with the Giraffes hosted by **B. Bryan Preserve** on both Saturday and Sunday. Space is limited and reservations are required. Visit www.bbryanpreserve.com to book your space.

Festival activities reach beyond city limits, including several Farm and Garden Tours. **Oz Farm** is offering tours from 2:00-4:00 and **Windy Hollow Farm** is hosting an Open Farm Day with tours of the gardens, greenhouse and trails from 12:00-4:00. **Casari Ranch** is hosting Picnic Day on the Farm from 11:00-4:00 on Saturday where visitors can bring their own picnic, tour the wool mill and watch demonstrations while **Frog Song Farm** is hosting Where Art & Gardens Become One, A Garden Tour with artist **David Wayne Floyd**, from 10:00-5:00.

Another special event, offered by **Unbeaten Path Tours** is the Photographer's Landscape Fringe Tour on the Point Arena Stornetta Public Lands. For more details visit Unbeatenpathtours.com.

Award Winning **PawPawrazzi Pet Photography** will host a special "Learn to shoot your pet like a pro" workshop. Bring your pups and camera out for a fun hour spent exploring Point Arena's gorgeous geological gems. The Stornetta Public Lands & Point Arena Lighthouse will provide stunning backdrops to your pet's photos. Visit <http://www.pawpawrazzipetphotography.com/almost-fringe-workshop> for details and to sign up.

After a fringy Saturday afternoon, festival attendees can enjoy more live music at **215 Main**, where **Ozone BBQ** will be jamming from 8:00-11:00.

The festivities continue on Sunday, April 30 with more opportunities to tour **Frog Song Farm**, **PawPawrazzi Pet Photography** workshop as well as Painting with the Giraffes at **B. Bryan Preserve**. **Casari Ranch** continues on Sunday from 11:00 - 4:00pm with the Almost Fringe Festival BBQ & Ranch Games ~ fun-filled family BBQ/food/drink and traditional ranch games. Tickets for BBQ & games: \$20/per person, kids under 8 free; BBQ only: \$15/plate (see website for details). CasariRanch.com. The 2017 Point Arena Almost Fringe Festival draws to a close with **Franny's Farmhouse Dinner at 215 Main** from 5:00-8:00 (reservations required).

For more details on this event, visit the Point Arena Merchants Association website: www.PointArena.net.