

In addition to an outstanding musical line-up on the Main Stage, the Erie Art Museum, with support from Erie Arts & Culture, the Erie Community Foundation and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, will present performing, visual and literary arts activities to engage all ages throughout Frontier Park, August 4th-6th.

Enjoy Culinary Creations – Friday 3PM-8PM

Bring a blanket and plan to eat dinner at the park. Local food trucks will line Frontier Park's Elm Alleé offering a selection of scrumptious culinary creations.

Have Fun with Art Acts – Friday 3-8PM, Saturday 11AM-2PM

The Cleveland Museum of Art Department of Community Arts will bring a mix of music, performance art, spectacle and workshops to Frontier Park for the 25th Anniversary of the Blues & Jazz Festival. Art Acts will open the Festival on both Friday and Saturday with an appearance of the Centinel Gargoyle Spirits and the Saltimbanque 15' tall puppets accompanied by the Surprize No Prize band.

Following a workshop each day, Art Acts will present the "Surprize No Prize" Show where audience members spin the wheel to determine the theme of each mini-performance and musical accompaniment. They will round out each day with Line Dancing with the Hallucinogenic Pachyderms. The Pachyderms will be hot off their most recent appearance opening the National Day of Dance under the chandelier at Cleveland's Playhouse Square. All ages are invited to join in on the fun!

Experience Great Local Art & Meet the Artists – Friday 2-7PM, Saturday 4-7PM & Sunday 4-7PM

The Northwestern PA Artists Association will host a free exhibition of member work in the LEAF Education Center, with a reception from 7 – 9:30 pm on Friday. Now in its 43rd year, the NPAA organizes several annual exhibits for its 140+ members' participation, annually donates college scholarship monies to local graduating high-school seniors, and generally promotes the visual arts in the tri-county community.

Paint a Mural - Friday 3-8PM, Saturday 11-8PM, Sunday Noon-6PM

Artist Mark Weber and volunteers from Erie's St. Martin's Center will engage participants in painting a large-scale mural to be installed on the exterior of the St. Martin's Early Learning Center's new facility following the Festival. All ages are welcome to participate but young children should be accompanied by an adult. Supplies will be provided.

Curate a Living Sculpture - Friday 5-7PM, Saturday 3-5PM, Sunday 2-4PM

2017 is the ten-year anniversary of the collaborative "Willow in Community" project which was the first, large-scale living sculpture located in the Arboretum.

LEAF staff and volunteers will lead ceremonial "trimming of the willow" sessions. Participants will receive basic instruction, and use of the tools for trimming the willow to reveal its sculptural integrity. During the trimming session, artists will be on hand to help participants create new art made from the willow trimmings. All ages are welcome to

participate but young children should be accompanied by an adult. Supplies will be provided.

Jazz-up your Instagram – Friday 6 – 7 PM

Want to make your Instagram profile come alive? Join us for an hour long walking tour through the Blues & Jazz Festival, with Photography Teacher Lourdes Jasso as she teaches you how to get the most from your smartphone camera. Learn the basics of composition, styling and shooting in natural light. Must have a smartphone and an Instagram account to participate.

Age: 11yr-16yr

Limit 15 Students

STEAM and Punk? – Friday and Saturday

Join the Erie County Public Library in honoring the work of our local musicians. The Library is collecting cd donations from local bands/musicians for the purpose of expanding our collection & celebrating Erie's thriving music scene. Librarians will be available to share information on this innovative project and discuss how you can contribute.

The Children's Library will provide STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) activities for kids under the big tent!

Take in a Good Film...or Two! – Friday at Dusk

Movies at the Arboretum will provide a family-friendly double feature to close the event on Friday. The night will kick-off with an introduction by Awesome Dinosaur featuring stop-action animation shorts created by area youth followed by a recently-released, feature-film.

The 2nd film of the evening is the newly-released local documentary "1000." Follow poet, Bigg Wash as he spends a day in Erie, Pennsylvania, meeting artists, athletes, small business owners, musicians, chefs and other dreamers -- recent immigrants as well as lifelong Erieites. Produced and directed by Abdullah Washington and Tom Weber. 1000 is an inspirational 24-minute movie, part documentary and part art film.

Tell Me a Story – Saturday 10AM

Little ones, ages 5 and under, are encouraged to join Sunshine Storytime in LEAF's Patricia McCain Outdoor Amphitheater on Saturday morning. As noted in the title, this free storytelling event is contingent on the availability of sunshine (weather permitting)!

Nature Photography – Saturday 11 am – 12 PM

Join us for an hour long walking tour through Frontier Park gardens and trails, with Photography Teacher Lourdes Jasso as she teaches you how to get the most from your smartphone camera. Learn the basics of composition, styling and shooting in natural

light. Must have a smartphone and an Instagram account to participate. Age: 11yr-16yr
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Visit the Instrumental Petting Zoo – Saturday 2-5PM

Musicians from the Erie Philharmonic will visit the park to present a hands-on, Instrumental Petting Zoo. This interactive workshop gives participants the opportunity to physically touch, feel and play a variety of instruments affiliated with jazz music.

Practice your Poetry – Friday 6PM (Workshop), Sunday 3:30PM (Readings)

Erie County Poet Laureate, Marisa Moks-Unger, musicians Steve Trohoske & Friends and Hoop Dancer, Jennifer Dennehy will lead a free creative workshop entitled “Picture This: A Day in the Park” on Friday night in LEAF’s Patricia McCain Outdoor Amphitheater.

Marisa will offer guidance and writing prompts inspired by morning, noon and night in Frontier Park. Music and movement will be used to reinforce the theme and help get your creative energy flowing. Try your hand at poetry for the first time or come to stretch your skills. Visual artists are welcome to participate as well. All ages are welcome to participate but young children should be accompanied by an adult. Basic supplies will be available; seasoned writers and/or visual artists are encouraged to bring your own supplies.

Get Sketchy – Saturday 4-7PM (Workshop)

Erie Open Figure Sessions will host a free Open Figure Session in LEAF’s Patricia McCain Outdoor Amphitheater. The session will be moderated and will consist of sustained poses by a costumed model. The sessions are non-instructional and open to professional artists, students, and the creative public at large. Drawing materials and paint are allowed (odorless spirits required for oil painting) and a number drawing benches are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Hoop it Up – Sunday 2PM (Workshop)

Jennifer Dennehy, professional hoop dancer, teacher, choreographer, teaching artist, and hoop maker will provide a free beginner’s hoop dance workshop. All ages are welcome to participate but young children should be accompanied by an adult. If you’ve got a hoop, be sure to bring it. A limited number of hoops will be available for sharing.

Present Your Work – Sunday Afternoon (Poetry Readings at 3:30PM)

Showcase your poetry, visual art and hooping creations from Festival Workshops on the west Side of the park. “Picture This: A Day in the Park” poetry readings will take place at LEAF’s Patricia McCain Outdoor Amphitheater at 3:30PM.

That’s not all! Watch for additional announcements in the weeks to come.