



THOUSAND SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

SEPT 24-25, RITTER ISLAND, THOUSAND SPRINGS STATE PARK

19th Annual Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts

When: Sept. 24th, 10 a.m. -- 6 p.m.; Sept. 25th, 10 a.m. -- 5 p.m.

Where: Ritter Island, Take 1-84 to Wendell Exit 155 and follow the handmade signs.

Cost: \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$3 children ages 5-12.

Southern Idaho's premier festival, the Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts, will take place Sept. 24th and 25th on stunning Ritter Island in the Thousand Springs State Park complex.

This year's event is featuring some of Idaho's most honored musicians, including festival headliner Grammy-nominated Steve Eaton on Sunday from 3p.m. to 4 p.m. Other live music includes your favorite genres such as jazz, acoustical guitars, blues and more during the two-day show, including Chad Summerville; LeAnne Towne and James Coberly Smith; Blaze N Kelly; Out of Control; Bitterbrush Blues; Gayle Chapman; Hillfolk NJoir and the Maillard Reaction. Go to www.thousandsspringsfestival.org to find out when your favorite musicians are performing.

In addition to two full days of live music, you and friends and family will be able to peruse and purchase high-quality original arts and crafts. Be sure to check out jewelry designer Cindi Hall, whose Chic and Sweet Jewelry business (www.chicandsweet.com) features one-of-a-kind nature-inspired nature designs made of silver, bronze, gold and precious clays. New this year is Jerry Kencke Photography (www.jerrykenckephoto.com), a Magic Valley photographer who specializes in capturing the subtle beauty of the West. He also makes his own unique frames that are as much a part of the art as the photo.

This is a juried show with 60 artisans who have created high-quality paintings, glass art, metal art, woodworking, photography, ceramics, yard sculptures, jewelry, gourd art, and restoration vintage art, and more. There are also canoe rides, hay rides, history and wildlife displays and fun activities for the kids.

To top it off your visit to Ritter Island, you can enjoy a variety of local cuisine ranging from Basque menus to authentic Mexican meals, roast beef and trout dinners along with thirst-quenching wines and beers of the finest sort.

This festival is the primary fundraiser for the Southern Idaho Land Trust, which promotes and oversees conservation easements of farm and ranch land. This effort allows present and future generations to continue to enjoy open space. To learn more, go to www.Siltinc.org.



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