

Summer Solstice Celebration 2020

VIRTUAL PARADE & FESTIVAL ACTIVITY GUIDE

June 19 - 21 Santa Barbara, CA



VIRTUAL SOLSTICE 2020 Summer Solstice Celebration

Covid won't dampen the Solstice spirt!

Do you need a little extra dose of happy? Join us for the first Virtual Solstice Parade and Celebration! While we can't be together on State Street, we can be together on ANY Street!!

We are hosting a delightful, energetic, brightly costumed and magical Virtual Solstice Parade. John Palminteri will be kicking off the parade at 12 noon on June 20th. Our master of ceremonies and artistic director, Riccardo Morrison, will be your host. The community contributions have been incredible! Get your costumes out, get your dance moves on, knock the dust of your ukele, rev up those vocal cords, gather up the kids and your four legged furry friends and prepare to watch some awe-inspiring moments of magic and be part of the celebration this year from your living room, phone or laptop!

From May 15th through June 19th we hosted a series of donation based online classes that taught the community how to make masks, headdresses, costumes, troll wigs, hats, wild hair, crowns, and puppets. Also how to dance and be part of a drum circle via a plethora of online art classes. We even hosted a mini float model making class.

Despite the unique year we have a great festival in store for you!

Full of films, interviews, photography exhibits, music, a virtual beer garden, dj set and happy hour and more! Check out our Virtual Solstice Parade and Festival site for a list of all activities and events. www.virtualsolstice2020.com

OUR HISTORY Swavner Solstice Celebration

It all began in 1974 with a birthday celebration

Summer Solstice Parade began in 1974, as a birthday celebration for a popular artist and mime named Michael Gonzales. In subsequent years, their parade joined forces with a Summer Solstice Music Festival coordinated by Michael Felcher, sponsored by The Santa Barbara Museum of Art, staged at the Sunken Gardens to celebrate the longest day of year.

The Parade and Festival is the largest arts event in Santa Barbara County, drawing crowds of over 100,000 spectators from around the world. From these humble beginnings arose a celebration of life which is like no other.

Today, the Summer Solstice Celebration has evolved into creative and original display of floats, giant puppets, whimsical costumes and masks of more than 1,000 parade participants of all ethnic and economic backgrounds. There is dancing, music, drumming and drama that enthralls the spectators. Each year there is an annual artistic competition for the Solstice T-shirt and Poster design that is sold as a fundraising vehicle for the event. Although this year is fully virtual due to Covid-19, it we have learned so much and will be back even stronger for 2021.

Featured Artist

46th Annual Solstice Festival
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Katreece Montgomery "Beautiful Earth" featured on 2020 Solstice t-shirts and posters



Each year there is an artistic competition for the Santa Barbara Summer Solstice T-shirt and poster design. This year Summer Solstice is celebrating it's 46th annual parade and festival with the theme of "Beautiful Earth." Solstice received many wonderful works of art that exemplified this theme. Katreece Montgomery, photo above right and her artwork "Beautiful Earth" were selected as the winner of the poster and T-shirt contest. The winning artist each year also receives a \$500 honorarium.

About Katreece Montgomery, 2020 Featured Artist

Her work titled "Beautiful Earth" received the most votes at the 1st Thursday exhibit held at Cafe Ana on March 5th and has been selected as this year's winner of the competition by the Solstice board of directors. "I have dabbled in various areas of design all my life, from fashion, graphics, to cinematography and animation, web design and chocolate decorating, says Katreece Montgomery. But my passion has always been illustration." I am honored to be selected!

Katreece's art work and Solstice t-shirts, posters and other merchandise are available for purchase at www.virtualsolstice2020.com

2020 Festival Line up

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FRIDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 PM - A film debut directed and Edited by Randy Tico

93' Solstice Evening Event @ the Sunken Gardens
Featuring Christopher Pilafian, Adrian Spence,
Julie McCloud, Jon Cross, Adolfo Acosta.
Click here for film debut link



8:30 PM - Calling In" Circle

Join this annual tradition of circling together in the workshop, the night before the parade, to give gratitude for this celebration and to set our intentions for the parade the next day. Led by Riccardo Morrison, Artistic Director, and other parade elders and artists. All are welcome!

Click here for zoom link: No registration required.

ALL DAY (on demand- not live)

"Solstice in Santa Barbara"

A short documentary film by Justin Gunn, as featured in the Santa Barbara International Film Festival Click here for Video Link



Vendor Exhibitor Court

Support local artisans and festival vendors via the virtual vendor court. Plus grab your Solstice 2020 t-shirts, tanks, mugs, bags and more and have them shipped right to your house!

Restaurant Court

Support a food or restaurant vendor by purchasing take out or dining out on State Street!

All of the above is viewable and accessible at http://virtualsolstice2020.com/



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SATURDAY, JUNE 20

12:00 PM A VIRTUAL SOLSTICE PARADE

Covid won't stop the spirit of the Santa Barbara Summer Solstice Celebration! Watch the Summer Solstice parade from your living room! Featuring video and photo submissions from Solstice community members from all over the world.

1-5 PM MUSICAL GUESTS

Will Breman

GrooveShine

The Brambles

David Segall

Joss Jaffe & Sudama Mark Kennedy

Kathleen Sieck & The Paradise Road

Bryan Titus

Jade Hendrix

Carly Jo Jackson

6:00-7:00 PM

Solstice Community zoom happy hour Click for Link

6:00-8:00 PM

Virtual Beer Garden hosted by Warner Anderson and DJ Dan Dubinsky Live dj set 6-8 PM via www.twitch.tv/audiopool

8 PM Film Debut

Summer Solstice Eve 2017: Theme Unity Directed and Edited by Randy Tico

ALL DAY

Parade of History

An online photography exhibit of photos from Solstice's 46 year history. <u>Link</u> **Solstice Faces**

A online photography exhibit that highlights some of the people that make solstice special each year. A collaboration with UCSB's museum of art, architecture and design. <u>Link</u>

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21

SOLSTICE STORIES

Interviews with Special Solstice Guests!

Stacie Bouffard

Steven Lovelace

Riccardo Morrison

Gregory Beeman

Barbara Logan

Katreece Montgomery

Panel Discussion

Teresa Nowak, Mariano Silva, Janet Reinbeck

As a gift to the community,
the entire festival
is free but donations are appreciated to the team
making it all
possible!























Check out these interviews and the whole line up at www.virtualsolstice2020.com

WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS AT THE WORKSHOP A PEOPLE POWERED PARADE - WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS

Summer Solstice Celebration







Recycled bags turn into paper mache large scale puppets



Used yogurt plastic containers become elaborate masks



Donated fabric is turned into extraordinary costumes!



All types of donated materials become creative masterpieces by and for the entire community.





We use screws and bolts instead of nails so that materials can be taken apart and reused for many years.

We store everything in big trailers and take it out each summer when we open the workshop to the public

Master artisans and technical advisors train the community to learn diverse skills including:
design, construction, use of power tools, sewing, welding, budgeting and more!
THIS YEAR. WE DID IT ALL FROM HOME!

In honor of our usual team that brings it all togehter Summer Solstice Celebration



Riccardo Morrison
Artistic Director



Barbara Logan
Costume Director



Nicky La Fleur Costumer



Megar Milari Costumer



Hathor Hammet Mask Maker



Joan Melendez Mask Maker



Flvi Morris Mask Maker



Krystal Freedom
Parade Registration



Carlos Cuellar Muralist



Claire Francisen
Artist In Residence



Claudia Bratton
Artist In Residence



Devin Zahn Parade Registration









Pali X-Mano
Artist in Residence

Lisa Thomas

Artist in Residence

Phyllis Chin Costumer

Paul Cavagnaro
Tech Assistant









Jun (Sun Bear)
Tech Assistant

Umisha Zuber Costumer

Diane Arnold
Workshop Assistant

Caroline Hambright
Artist in Resident

Some more Solstice Community Artists



Tessa Flaragar



John Couroy



Dusty Williams



Kimi Vandyk

In honor of the usual team that brings it all together Summer Solstice Celebration



Robin Flander
Executive Director



Michael Lazaro
Festival Director



Warner Anderson
Beer & Wine Garden Mgr.



Penny Little
Special Projects Rockstar



Shaelyn McHugh
Special Projects Assist.



Daviel Colartonio
Vol. Coordinator



Marid Marharek
Vol. Coordinator



Traci Collins
Fest. Vendor and Music Coordinator



Hector Hurtado Stage Manager



Matt Malloy
Youth Stage Manager

Additional Past Team Members

Sofia Hurtado, Assistant Stage Manager Logan Gold, Festival Assistant Fred Cota, Parade Coordinator Michael Gurka. Parade Coordinator Megan Smith, Website Manager Barry Remis, Festival Assistant Nathan Burns, Festival Assistant Ray Estrada, Festival and Media Assistant Joshua Molina, (J-mo), Festival Assistant Johnathan Navi, Festival Assistant Ellyette Iverson, Festival Assistant Crystal Anderson, Beer Garden Assistant Danell Hurtado, Beer Garden Assistant Bobby Immamura, Festival Ticketing Manager Sam Campa, Beer Garden Security Team Manager Randy Wingard, Festival Security Manager Rob Robinson, Festival Assistant Blake Robinson, Festival Assistant Noah Robinson, Festival Assistant And over 200 Volunteers

2021 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNTIES

Parade and Festival

T-Shirt and Merchandise Sales at the T
Solstice Booth
Parade/Seating Monitors
Wine and Beer Garden Sales (must be 21 and take the Responsible Beverage Service Training)
Arts and Craft Assistants for Children's Area Make up and Face Painters
Float Pushers
Vendor Load In/Load Out Assistants
Information Booth
Photographer
Videographer



Workshop Volunteers

The Solstice Workshop is open and there is lots to do! We need the following volunteers:

Seamstress
General construction (float building)
Paper Mache
Painting
Workshop Clean up
Data Entry

Other Opportunities

Office Assistants
Fundraising and Event Assistants
Grant Writing
Board Members
Program Development
Special Projects

CONTACT:

E-mail our Volunteer Coordinators at volunteer@solsticeparade.com

Board Members

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Stacie Bouffard
Board President



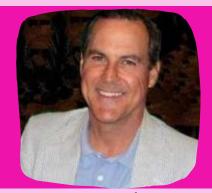
Johnathan Alburger
Board member



Laura Kuight
Board member



David Hefferman Board member



Newis Johns
Board member

Interested in joining us?

Now accepting applications for 2021

Contact: solstice@solsticeparade.com

Our Past Supporters Summer Solstice Celebration



Join us as a sponsor next year!

PARADE THEMES Summer Solstice Celebration

Past Parade Themes

1979 Children (first year with a theme)

1980 People Celebrating Art Through Life

1981 Ensemble

1982 Movement

1983 Mixed heritage

1984 Performance

1985 Carnival of Illusion

1986 Size

1987 Dance of Life

1988 Rhythm & Color

1989 Myths and Stories of the World

1990 The Sea

1991 Future Fantasy

1992 Garden of the Absurd

1993 Big

1994 Hot

1995 Toys, contraptions & thingamajigs

1996 High and Low

1997 Magic Mystics & Mysteries

1998 Food for Thought

1999 Comedia del Sol

2000 Dance of Light

2001 2001 A Space Oddity

2002 Circus

2003 Silly

2004 Art is in the Air

2005 Wild Things

2006 Dream

2007 Stars

2008 Solar Flair

2009 Splash

2010 Carnival

2011 Jungle

2012 Fantasy

2013 Creatures

2014 Games

2015 SCI FI

2016 Legends

2017 Celebrating Unity

2018 Heroes

2019 Wonderl

2020 Beautiful Earth

