



ANNOUNCING LAKE EDEN ARTS FESTIVAL OCTOBER 20-22, 2006
 CONNECTING CULTURES & CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC & ARTS

PRESS RELEASE

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Lake Eden Arts Festival
 Black Mountain, NC

WHAT: Lake Eden Arts Festival (LEAF) **CELEBRATING 11TH YEAR!**

WHEN: October 20•21•22

WHERE: at Camp Rockmont in Black Mountain, NC.

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TICKETS/INFO: (828) 68-MUSIC (686-8742) or www.LakeEdenArtsFestival.org

Advance discount ticket purchases are on sale NOW. Weekend Pass with camping: \$95-129. Day tickets: \$25-\$40, special youth prices, & UNDER 10 are FREE! Super deal is: The Community Pass (special for locals-no overnight) are \$60-\$70. Pre-purchase encouraged. Limited tickets available at gate.

ANNOUNCING THE 23rd LEAF LINEUP HEADLINERS:

The 23rd Edition of LEAF will feature worlds of music opportunities from across the globe. LEAF will be celebrating the richness of cultures from across continents. International artists gracing the stages at LEAF from Mali - **Mamadou Diabate** a master of the kora, and **Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars** (surprise headliner!) bring their musical stories of civil war in Sierra Leone, **Yungchen Lhamo** of Tibet will stop you in your tracks with her awe inspiring voice, **The Skatalites** of Jamaica are classic masters and will keep you on your toes with their original ska and reggae beats, **Bossacucanova** of Brazil will lure you with their sultry South American style, and **Lunasa** of Ireland will glow with Celtic tradition. National artists include **Richie Havens**, **Riders in the Sky**, and **Charmaine Neville**. Also catch:

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| Funkadesi | Kellin Watson Band | Lift Ticket |
| Masankho Banda-Malawi | Mad Tea Party | Feufollet |
| Notorious w/Larry Unger | Gandalf Murphy & Slambovian | Billy Jonas |
| Lloyd Arneach-Cherokee | Circus of Dreams | Akira Satake |
| Scrappy Hamilton | Martha & the Moodswingers | The Rebelles |
| The Wiyos | Miss Wanda Johnston | Hunab Kru Breakdancers |
| Kate Campbell | Zulu Connection | Creative Flame Fire Dancers |

& **MANY MORE**. See www.LakeEdenArtsFestival.org performers page for entire listing & schedule.

THE LEAF SCENE: LEAF highlights its music line-up, however, it is all the artistic offerings of LEAF combined with the setting that truly sets it apart. Discover over 40 Healing Arts Workshops such as yoga & tai chi, Folk Art Show, Juried Handcraft Show, a National Poetry SLAM with a \$1000+ prize, scenic camping, lake adventures such as Zipline, Canoes, Kayaks, and swimming, Goodnight Dreamer Talent Contest, Fiddle Contest, all night long West African Drum Circles up in the mountains, Kids bedtime stories, Childcare, over 30 performers & wacky games in the Kids Village, parades, Jam sessions, and of course Culinary Arts featuring West African Dinners & gourmet festival eats. LEAF's 23rd Performing Arts Lineup will feature 5 continents presenting over 50 different cultures and genres and invites people to discover new music while enjoying traditions.

WHAT are some LEAF HIGHLIGHTS this year?

LEAF traditions bring families & friends together year after year...what's new? Count it!

- 1 new LEAF WEB design- check it out!
- 2 Fundraisers! Thanks to YMI Cultural Center & The Affiliates for hosting 1st LEAF in Schools & Streets fundraiser this June. LEAF Crew works Asheville's Bele Chere as one of the non-profits hosting a beverage tent.
- 3 NEW & larger KIDbits: Kids Village, Kids Handmade Art Market, and KIDS PARADE w/ Roving Fairy, Puppets, Drummers, & Stiltwalkers!
- 4 Thousand \$ raised by Windward School - Los Angeles for New Orleans LEAF Instrument Drive. Instruments to be bought/presented to Sunpie's Brass Band Mentors and Young Musicians program on Sept 2nd. (Over \$75K of instruments raised & matched so far!)
- 5 Countries destined for LEAF in Schools & Streets INTERNATIONAL instrument & mentor matching: Panama, The Grenadines, Rwanda, Mexico & Ethiopia.
- 6 Earth Skills learned at new ANCIENT ARTS area: Bow drill, Wildflowers, Tulip poplar baskets, Bamboo utensils, debris shelter & bottle-cap rattlers.
- 7 exciting new events at fall Kids Village: Classic CARTOONS, Theremin Music, The Lorax by Dr. Seuss, Breakdancing, Cherokee Stories, clogging & rope-tricks w/ Riders in The Sky.
- 8 great musicians kick off Fall LEAF Thursday night: SCRAPPY HAMILTON w/ opener Lance Mills & The Hillbilly Angels.
- 9+ Performing Arts Groups of New Orleans got us dancin' at May LEAF for 1st themed festival of "Celebrate NOLA"!
- 10th of December a LEAF crew ventures to RWANDA with Jean Paul Samputu to deliver instruments to orphans in Rwanda.

LEAF in Schools & Streets (LSS)

LSS has increased its outreach to 'at risk' youth in development centers, after school programs and high schools. LSS has placed 25 artists this year that have served over 2,300 youth locally with nearly 400 participating youth performing at LEAF (w/ their parents in the audience!).

- 1st LSS program on CHEROKEE Reservation with Martha Redbone.
- 8 weeks of mentoring through LEAF in Schools & Streets by WWC FOLK CHOIR w/ Hominy Valley Elementary & Evergreen Charter School (over 50 youth) culminated in a finale' LEAF performance.
- LEAF purchased local handcrafted African drums for W.C. Reid Center Youth with grant \$ from JLA! Drums will be used with LSS mentoring program & performances.
- LSS was chosen as one of four 2006 fundraisers for Asheville Affiliates. \$5500 was raised for LSS-YMI collaborative programs as well as other community centers for youth at risk.
- Swannanoa Valley Youth Development Center welcomed LSS artists Michael Franti to show film, Cyril Neville for New Orleans conversations, and mentoring poet Graham Hackett. Several poets earned the privilege to perform at LEAF.
- Masankho Banda of Malawi did amazing workshops & mentoring with Erwin High School youth & Jones School. The School Boys hip-hop group from Erwin has become LEAF artists now!
These are just a few highlights...truly EVERY LSS program is inspiring and a highlight!!!

MISSION: Lake Eden Arts Festival (LEAF) is a non-profit organization established to enhance people's lives through the ARTS, music, dance, and culinary arts. We value community, world cultures, heritage preservation, multi-cultural education and connecting families to the arts. The LEAF in Schools & Streets outreach program is dedicated to empowering youth through festive arts.

THANKS FOR LETTING YOUR AUDIENCE KNOW ABOUT LEAF