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League of New Hampshire Craftsmen to Host 2020 Capital Arts Fest

*LNHC and the Capitol Center for the Arts Partner to Present Exciting
IN-PERSON Event Scheduled Sept 26-27*

CONCORD, NH – South Main Street in Concord will soon come alive with fine art and craft from local artists as the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen is thrilled to announce it is moving forward with the 3rd annual Capital Arts Fest. The event will have all the look and feel of the Capital Arts Fest of previous years, while taking the proper safety steps to make sure visitors feel safe while they move between artist tents and enjoy musical performances coordinated by the Capitol Center for the Arts. More than 20 craftsmen will feature handcrafted work in a variety of media areas and the weekend event will include live music over the course of both days of the fair.

“When we surveyed our members, our first and only real concern was their health and safety, but we were overwhelmed with people who are excited to show their work and be able to do something safely in person,” explains Miriam Carter, Executive Director of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen. “We have worked out a blueprint to make sure everyone is spread out; we will follow all state and local guidance regarding the wearing of masks and make sure the foot traffic flow is safe and respects peoples’ need to keep socially distant while inspecting the craft tents. I am confident in our plan and excited to bring our fair back to Concord’s Main Street.”

The fair will be centered outside the headquarters of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, located at 49 South Main Street, across from the Capitol Center for the Arts. Artist tents will be spaced out up and down the street to provide plenty of room for all who decide to visit the fair. Visitors will have numerous activities to choose from: they can shop for one-of-a-kind craft, see live performances sponsored by the Capitol Center for the Arts, meet talented artists and watch demonstrations, and indulge in delicious food and other treats.

As part of the William H. Gile Concert Series through the generosity of the Helen Blake Gile Trust, the Capitol Center for the Arts has put together a full slate of bands for both days of Capital Arts Fest weekend. Music will showcase a variety of genres: Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki and Matt Jensen will kick off the weekend with traditional Celtic-Folk music. Country rockers Don Campbell Band will have you dancing in the street, and the party continues with Concord’s own Irish Pub band The Rebel Collective. Jam band phenom Neighbor will wrap up the



Saturday lineup. Sunday showcases some of the finest Indie Rock and Americana around with Wellfleet and Young Frontier taking the stage. Each band will perform a one hour set at the following times:

Saturday, 9/26 - 11am:	Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki and Matt Jensen
Saturday, 9/26 - 1pm:	Don Campbell Band
Saturday, 9/26 - 3pm:	The Rebel Collective
Saturday, 9/26 - 7pm:	Neighbor
Sunday 9/27 - 11am:	Wellfleet
Sunday, 9/27 - 2pm:	Young Frontier

This will be a perfect weekend to stroll Main Street during the peak of the fall foliage season – area shops and restaurants are excited to welcome visitors, providing plenty of opportunities to make a “COVID-safe” day out of a visit to Concord’s historic downtown. The City of Concord and Concord Area Chamber of Commerce fully support this “weekend out” in the community. From Capital Arts Fest on South Main Street to the farmer’s market on North Main Street (adjacent to the capital building), and all of the shops and dining options in between, to apple orchards and scenic drives throughout the Capital region, individuals and families can create the perfect weekend outing.

“Our members are anxious to reconnect with customers, visitors and friends and our plan will provide that wonderfully New England opportunity to enjoy the brisk fall weather, local artistic talent and a safe social platform.”

Event hours:

Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location:

In front of the League of NH Craftsmen headquarters
49 South Main Street,
Concord, NH 03301

Information: See www.nhcrafts.org for more details

About the League of NH Craftsmen

The League of NH Craftsmen is a non-profit, craft education organization. Our Mission is to advance, cultivate and champion excellence in fine craft. We pursue that mission through educational programming, leadership initiatives, marketplace strategies and support services.

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