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EMF Announces Eclectic 2016 Fringe Schedule

GREENSBORO – The Eastern Music Festival proudly embarks on its 55th season with its wildly innovative and eclectic Fringe schedule.

Fringe, EMF’s concert series that spotlights a wide variety of musical genres, begins May 15 and features seven concerts. For the 2016 season, Fringe offerings range from gypsy jazz to mountain music, Creole to country, blues to pops and its second annual Chamber Crawl to appease even the most diverse music aficionados.

Sponsored by Cemala Foundation and the Lincoln Financial Foundation, Fringe performances historically have been held during and after EMF’s regular season offerings. For the 2016 season, EMF board member John Davis and Fringe committee members decided to move several of the often playful, sometimes edgy and always delightful music to May and June as a prelude to its June and July lineup.

2016 EMF Fringe

The Jon Stickley Trio. 7 p.m., Sunday, May 15, at the Revolution Mill Event Center, 1160 Revolution Mill Drive, Greensboro.

With roots in gypsy jazz, bluegrass and hip-hop, the Jon Stickley Trio combines rapid-fire flatpicking guitar with sultry and wild, yet refined melodies.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Triad Stage Box Office from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at (336) 272-0160 or <http://triadstage.org/tickets>.

Ben Sollee. 8 p.m., Friday, May 20, at the Revolution Mill Event Center, 1160 Revolution Mill Drive, Greensboro.

Sollee’s “...meticulous, fluent arrangements continually morphed from one thing to another. Appalachian mountain music gave way to the blues, and one song was appended with a fragment from a Bach cello suite, beautifully played.” *New York Times*

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Crossing Paths: New Music for Percussion (and Other Instruments). 8 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at West Market Street United Methodist Church. 302 West Market Street, Greensboro.

This evening of music is at the intersection of post-pop, post-minimalism and the avant-garde. It is curated and performed by Greensboro Symphony percussionist Peter Zlotnick and friends. To take full advantage of the church's superb acoustics, this will be a purely acoustic concert.

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BeuSoleil Trio. 8 p.m., Friday, June 15, at the Crown Room at the Carolina Theatre at 310 South Greene Street, Greensboro.

Grammy winning artists Michael Doucet, David Doucet and Mitchell Reed take the rich Creole traditions of Louisiana and artfully blend elements of zydeco, New Orleans jazz, Tex-Mex, country, blues and more into a satisfying musical recipe.

Tickets are \$19 in advance and \$23 at the door. Please note that tickets to this performance need to be purchased through Carolina Theatre Box Office at 336-333-2605 or <https://carolinatheatre.com/tickets>.

2nd Annual EMF Chamber Crawl. 1-5 p.m. Saturday, June 18, Downtown Greensboro.

EMF and Classical Revolution Greensboro team up for an afternoon of musical, culinary and cultural adventures with four chamber ensembles at nine Downtown Greensboro venues:

Ambleside Gallery. 528 South Elm Street, Greensboro. (336) 275-9844.

Blue Denim Restaurant. 217 South Elm Street, Greensboro. (336) 676-5689.

Elsewhere Museum. 606 South Elm Street, Greensboro. (336) 907-3271.

Gibb's Hundred Brewery Company. 117 West Lewis Street, Greensboro. (336) 763-7087.

Koshary Mediterranean Restaurant. 200 South Elm Street, Greensboro. (336) 763-0944.

Scuppernong Books. 304 South Elm Street, Greensboro. (336) 763-1919.

Triad Stage Lobby. 232 South Elm Street, Greensboro. (336) 272-0160.

Urban Grinders. 116 North Elm Street, Greensboro. (336) 907-3291.

The Green Bean. 341 South Elm Street, Greensboro. (336) 691-9990.

All events are free and tickets are not required.

Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park. (MUSEP) EMF Young Artists Pop Concert. 6:30 p.m., Saturday, July 17, at Founders Lawn, Guilford College. 5800 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro.

MUSEP will feature the EMF young artists concert band led by EMF conducting fellows. Bring your picnic and enjoy an evening of the Pops!

The concert is free and tickets are not required. Parking will be available on campus.

Tuba Skinny with special guests The Swamp Nots. 6:30 p.m., Sunday, July 24, at Dana Lawn, Guilford College. 5800 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro.

Tuba Skinny comes straight from the streets of New Orleans' famed French Quarter with irrepressible jazz, blues, hokum and second-line music. The Swamp Nots will bring an infectious joyous blending of classic Jazz with American old-time string band music and blues into a vintage fusion.

About Fringe:

Eastern Music Festival's Fringe series is in its second decade and adds a capricious dimension to EMF's five-week season of unmatched musical education and performances. Past Fringe Series artists include: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Doc Watson, Aimee Mann, Bob Margolin, Mark O'Connor and Los Straitjackets, Nellie McKay and Harpeth Rising.

Eastern Music Festival stands among the country's premier summer music educational programs and most imaginative performance festivals.

For more information about Fringe and the 2016 EMF season, visit www.easternmusicfestival.org/festival/calendar

To purchase tickets or for ticket information visit our [website](#) or call Triad Stage at 336-272-0160.

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