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Medina County Arts Council's 36th annual Arts Week going virtual

MEDINA COUNTY – The show, as they say, must go on.

Despite challenges caused by COVID-19, specifically the cancelation of most in-person summer events, the Medina County Arts Council is moving ahead with its annual Arts Week by bringing an array of diverse performances directly into the homes of those in our community via online broadcasts twice a day July 13-17.

Indeed, it's a departure from previous years when Arts Week was traditionally celebrated through a multitude of live gatherings centered around the expression of artistry. However, even through the digital platform, MCAC members believe the level of quality local talent by way of a variety of organizations, media and ages is still well preserved and should be celebrated all the same.

"We are excited about continuing the 36-year tradition of bringing local performers and artists to the Medina County community with our annual Arts Week in July. The difference is, this year, everyone can enjoy it from the comfort of their homes," said Linda Loveless, MCAC president.

Members of the community and beyond are encouraged to join in MCAC's Virtual Arts Week for noon and 7:30 p.m. broadcasts every day from Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, by visiting MCAC on its Facebook page at Facebook.com/MedinaCountyArtsCouncil.

In addition to sharing on social media, MCAC recommends RSVP-ing to Virtual Arts Week by clicking "Going" on event page posted at the top of its Facebook page in order to receive updates, but this is not required to view the performances. They will also be available for viewing at MedinaCountyArtsCouncil.org. Also, share the event with your family and friends!

Schedule of performances:

- Monday July 13, at noon Ekklesia Reed Quintet, classical
- Monday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m. Grady Miller, blues and Americana duo, also instructors at Woodsy's
- Tuesday, July 14, at noon Adam Michel, Cloverleaf Local Schools art teacher, presenting a chalk art presentation and demonstration
- Tuesday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. John Husbands, Medina-based singer-songwriter and guitarist
- Wednesday, July 15, at noon Kelly Parks and students from the Medina Centre for Dance Arts

- Wednesday, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. Jim Gill, Medina-based folk singer-songwriter and guitarist
- Thursday, July 16, at noon Nick Elkevizth, acoustic guitarist from Lodi Music
- Thursday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m. Parsons and Polk, Medina-based classic rock
- Friday, July 17, at noon Kim States and students from KS Vocal Studios in Medina
- Friday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. Bobby Laverty, of Bobby Ray & Night Train, Cleveland-based blues

Also included on both Facebook and MedinaCountyArtsCouncil.org will be recorded video contributions from: Buckeye High student, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Jacob Canedy; the Medina United Church of Christ Choir; the Medina Community Band, which is celebrating 150 years; and performances from ORMACO's (Ohio Regional Music, Arts and Cultural Outreach) "Jazz Under the Stars" series.

Connect with the Medina County Arts Council on Facebook or visit its website for the latest updates.

The Medina County Arts Council (MCAC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to advocate for, support, and promote the arts in Medina County. The MCAC promotes awareness of all forms of artistic expression and arts activities within our communities, provides funding to support artists and arts organizations throughout the county, and partners with other arts advocacy groups statewide and nationally to assure access to the arts for people all ages and backgrounds. Like and Share us on Facebook.com/MedinaCountyArtsCouncil. Learn more and help support our mission at www.MedinaCountyArtsCouncil.org.