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Lost River Sessions to bring back Arts & Music Festival

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Nikki Lane Submitted Following a successful debut in 2018, Lost River Sessions will once again host a festival that celebrates local music and visual art. The second annual Lost River Sessions Arts & Music Festival will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Circus Square Park. That day's Lost River Sessions show will be at 7 p.m. at the Capitol Arts Center.

Emil Moffatt, WKU Public Radio's station manager, said the festival began as a way to draw attention to local people specializing in visual art in addition to the music for which Lost River Sessions is known.

"Lost River Sessions has been providing music for our community for a couple of years now ... but we wanted to give our local artists a chance to shine, too," he said. "This is an opportunity to broaden the Lost River Sessions brand to be not just about music but about artwork as well."

While last year's festival was at Fountain Square Park, this year's festival will be at Circus Square Park because of renovations in and around the square, he said.

Lost River Sessions was pleased with turnout at the festival last year, which drew a lot of people who were in Bowling Green during Western Kentucky University's commencement weekend, Moffatt said.

"The community really embraced it," he said.

Because of this, Lost River Sessions scheduled this year's event to coincide with commencement once again.

"There are so many people out and about in Bowling Green and coming in from out of town," he said.

The festival is free and will feature a range of artistic items, from drawings to décor to handmade jewelry, stained glass and clothes, according to a news release from Lost River Sessions.

Megan Whitaker, an artist who specializes in Southwest-inspired art like bolos, earrings and bracelets, was a vendor at last year's festival and said she'll be returning.

Whitaker said she thinks there's a lot of local support for the festival. "Lost River Sessions has really made a name for itself in the last few years, so I think anything with the Lost River Sessions name on it draws a lot of people," she said.

Willie Huston, a local singer-songwriter, will perform at the festival, Moffatt said, adding that he hopes to get a few more musical acts involved with playing the festival.



"We're hoping a couple more singers might be able to get on board with that," he said.

Tickets for Saturday's Lost River Sessions performance cost \$15 and can be purchased in advance at theskypac.com.

The show features Nikki Lane, an Americana singer-songwriter Moffatt said Lost River Sessions has been interested in showcasing for some time, as the headliner.

"We expect her to bring a lot of energy and we think she'll really resonate well with people who come out to Lost River Sessions," he said.

The Howlin' Brothers, a three-piece string band that's performed on Lost River Sessions before, will also perform and Leslie Weiler Meng of Bowling Green will be the opening act, according to Lost River Sessions.

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