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Entertainment and Heritage Arts Featured at Salt Fork Festival

Cambridge, OH (July 19, 2021) While artists are the highlight of the 51st annual Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival, there are many other activities that visitors can enjoy as they stroll through beautiful Cambridge City Park in Cambridge, Ohio. The weekend of August 13-15 contains outstanding entertainment, heritage arts, and of course wonderful food.

Entertainment includes a wide variety of venues from bands and musical groups to dancing and drama. Some of these groups perform in the Performing Arts Tent and others in the Big Pavilion. There's some great entertainment happening every day of the festival.

The music begins on Friday at noon when the festival is so pleased to have the Buckeye Trail Marching Band lead off the festivities. It's wonderful to have our local schools participating and The String Sounds from John Glenn High School will then be performing.

You won't want to miss the Ladies of Longford or The Loves Gospel Quartet as both have been part of the festival for several years and are quite popular with the guests. The evening concludes with the CHS Alumni Jazz Band, who has been playing at the festival nearly from its beginning.

Saturday the local Chordial Chorus, full of harmony and laughter, will be followed by the Kevin Prater Band for those who love bluegrass. Dance Express demonstrates some of their award-winning dances before the fantastic Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds delight visitors with their music.

On Sunday, the 5th annual Salt Fork Chorus under the direction of Bob Jones and Cathy Antill will entertain the crowd with the excellent voices of area vocalists. These people just love to sing. Traditionally, the festival closes with the Cambridge City Band, the oldest band in the land having been in existence for 170 years.

A special tent has held Appalachian Heritage Arts over the years and continues to be a favorite stopping place. New this year are storytellers. Melody Tolle of Columbus will share the art of orally passing on our heritage while Chuck Bell of Zanesville shares the story of Zane's Trace.

Watch Chuck and Shana Fair as they make and decorate pottery or Denise Lewis as she works on quilts. Carl Wickham displays Civil War carvings that he has made to scale in his workshop.

Local organizations help share the history of our area as Guernsey County Museum with Rick Booth discusses old-fashioned photography and the use of glass plate negatives doing back over 150 years. CARA shares displays of old-fashioned radio equipment used in the first radio station locally. Zane Grey Museum takes you back to those early days of settling Ohio.

The Salt Fork Festival holds entertainment, education, and just pure fun for those in attendance. We hope to see you there!

For more information on the festival, visit SaltForkFestival.org. For information on other events and attractions in Cambridge/Guernsey County, log on to VisitGuernseyCounty.com or call 800-933-5480.

