

FOTA

STARVED ROCK COUNTRY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



EVENT GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2021



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Welcome to FOTA,

the Starved Rock Country Festival of the Arts!
This spectacular juried visual arts and film competition brings a full weekend of exciting art, music and film to this picturesque stretch of North-Central Illinois. Join us for this inaugural festival, held in downtown Ottawa, Illinois September 24-26, 2021.

Artists and Filmmakers will be competing for cash prizes awarded by professional judges in each category. Visual works of art will be displayed throughout the Ottawa downtown and surrounding area; live music throughout the event; kid-friendly activities; great shops and restaurants – you don't want to miss FOTA!

MEET THE JUDGES

GINA HUNT

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Gina Hunt creates abstract paintings, sculptures, and site-specific installations as interdisciplinary platforms to research the complexities of vision and the subjectivity of visual experience. A strong fascination with screens as mediators of light has been the focus of her recent work.

Hunt was the 2015-2016 Fellow at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, and in 2016 was awarded residencies at both Hinge Arts and the Badlands National Park. Hunt has presented solo exhibitions at 65Grand and University Galleries at Illinois State University. She has participated in recent group shows at Drew University, Baby Blue Gallery, Practise, DEMO Project, E. Tay Gallery, Corridor Projects, Elmhurst Art Museum, Woman Made Gallery, Hoffman LaChance Contemporary, Front Room Gallery, and The Soap Factory, among others.

Hunt received an MFA in Painting from Illinois State University, an MA in Painting from Minnesota State University, and a BFA in Painting, Printmaking, and Art History from Minnesota State University. Her work has been featured in reviews and publications such as The Rib, Gulf Times, Salt Hill, and New American Paintings. Hunt currently lives and works in Chicago, Illinois.

JASON JUDD

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Jason Judd is the Co-Founder of New Genres Art Space, a progressive and experimental art nonprofit, and an art educator at Auburn High School. He was most recently Executive Director at Freeport Art Museum and Curator of Art at University Galleries of Illinois State University.

He previously was Co-Founder of Sight Specific, an online platform that documents and supports contemporary art programming in and around the central Illinois region, Art Editor for Bite Magazine (online, non-profit project) and Co-Director of Make-Space (a Chicago based artist-run organization) from 2010 to 2015.

He has also served as Registrar at the Rockford Art Museum, Exhibitions Assistant at Chicago Artists Coalition, and Curatorial Intern at Gallery 400, University of Illinois Chicago.

Judd approaches curating, teaching, organizing and collaborating with a sense of sincerity, inclusion, experimentation, and resourcefulness.

MELISSA ORESKY

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Melissa Oresky was born in Bethesda, Maryland in 1974. She is an artist living and working in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois.

Oresky has received an MFA from The University of Illinois at Chicago and a BFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Oresky also studied at the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem, and has served as a Professor of Painting and Drawing at the Illinois State University since 2002. In 2005, she was awarded the Illinois Arts Council Fellowship Award.

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Juried Art Show

At Jeremiah Joe Coffee

- Juried Art Show Viewing
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Live Music

At the Jordan Block

- Steve Cerqua 5 p.m.
- Open Mic 6 p.m.
- Reverend Hellbilly 7 p.m.
- Manny & the OK Boys 8 p.m.
- NGB DR3KO 9 p.m.
- Cody J (DJ Famou5) 9:30 p.m.

Narrative Film Festival

At Roxy Cinemas

- Two Bad 12:00 p.m.
- The Fall 1:40 p.m.
- The Benevolent Buckley Show 3:25 p.m.
- Synonymous With 5:00 p.m.
- Waking Up. 5:12 p.m.
- Unseen 5:17 p.m.
- The Ledge 5:20 p.m.
- Hate Is Not Welcome Here 5:27 p.m.
- Soul Bones 5:32 p.m.
- A Most Forgettable Man 5:43 p.m.
- Sister Tempest 6:00 p.m.
- Black Pool 6:15 p.m.
- The Get Lost Losers 7:45 p.m.,
8:10 p.m.
- Bandwidth 9:30 p.m.
- Wire Orgy 9:35 p.m.
- Gasoline 9:40 p.m.
- BOTCHED 9:50 p.m.
- Written on a Sugar High 10:00 p.m.
- Ugly Love 10:02 p.m.
- The Piss Window 10:14 p.m.
- Apartment 28 10:27 p.m.
- Sip Boyz 10:41 p.m.
- Fist of the Wasteland 11:17 p.m.

Live Music

At the Jordan Block

- Jeff Manfredini 2 p.m.
- Amber Kay 3 p.m.
- Nicodemus 4 p.m.
- Josh Robson (Shamandala) 5 p.m.
- Student Band 1 6 p.m.
(the Timekeepers)
- Student Band 2 6:30 p.m.
(Matriarchy)
- Urban Posers 7 p.m.
- Half Shell Heroes 8 p.m.
- Dead Rest 9 p.m.

Narrative Film Festival

At Roxy Cinemas

- Who Is It? 11:00 a.m.
- The Scavenger Hunt 12:40 p.m.
- The Gardener:
A Cautionary Comedy 12:50 p.m.
- Ms. Rossi 1:03 p.m.
- May I Have This Dance? 1:08 p.m.
- The Ribbon 1:10 p.m.
- No Rest For The Wicked 1:15 p.m.
- Go Go, Boy! 1:18 p.m.
- Flight of the Heron 1:24 p.m.
- The Benevolent Buckley Show 1:40 p.m.
- Synonymous With 3:10 p.m.
- Waking Up. 3:22 p.m.
- Unseen 3:27 p.m.
- The Ledge 3:30 p.m.
- Hate Is Not Welcome Here 3:37 p.m.
- Soul Bones 3:42 p.m.
- A Most Forgettable Man 3:53 p.m.
- Written on a Sugar High 4:30 p.m.
- Black Pool 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Slays Till X-Mas 6:30 p.m.
- Bandwidth 7:00 p.m.
- Wire Orgy 7:05 p.m.
- Gasoline 7:10 p.m.
- BOTCHED 7:20 p.m.
- No More Talking: A True
Story of Domestic Violence 7:32 p.m.
- Ugly Love 7:46 p.m.
- The Piss Window 7:59 p.m.
- Apartment 28 8:11 p.m.
- Sister Tempest 8:25 p.m.
- Sip Boyz 8:25 p.m.
- 13 Slays Till X-Mas 9:10 p.m.

Additional Activities

At Washington Square

- Artisan Market 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Scarecrow Fest 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Kids Art Activities 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Judges Exhibition Closing Reception

At Open Space Art Gallery

- Closing Reception of
Chromophyll: Works by
Melissa Oresky and Gina Hunt 5 p.m.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Live Music

At the Jordan Block

- Non denominational
Community Worship 11:30 a.m.
- Bagpipe music
by Mark Dudek 11:45 a.m.
- Templeton Family
Gospel Music 12 p.m.
- Zomnyet Webster 1 p.m.
- Joseph Templeton 2 p.m.
- Henry Torpedo Boys 3 p.m.
- Katie Belle &
the Belle Rangers 4 p.m.
- Dezeriah 5 p.m.
- MMCM 6 p.m.

Narrative Film Festival

At Roxy Cinemas

- Two Bad 11:00 a.m.
- Who Is It? 12:40 p.m.
- Flight of the Heron 2:15 p.m.
- Go Go, Boy! 2:28 p.m.
- Ms. Rossi 2:35 p.m.
- The Ribbon 2:40 p.m.
- The Scavenger Hunt 2:44 p.m.
- The Gardener:
A Cautionary Comedy 2:54 p.m.
- No Rest For The Wicked 3:07 p.m.
- May I Have This Dance? 3:10 p.m.
- The Fall 3:20 p.m.

Additional Activities

At Washington Square

- Artisan Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Kids Art Activities 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25

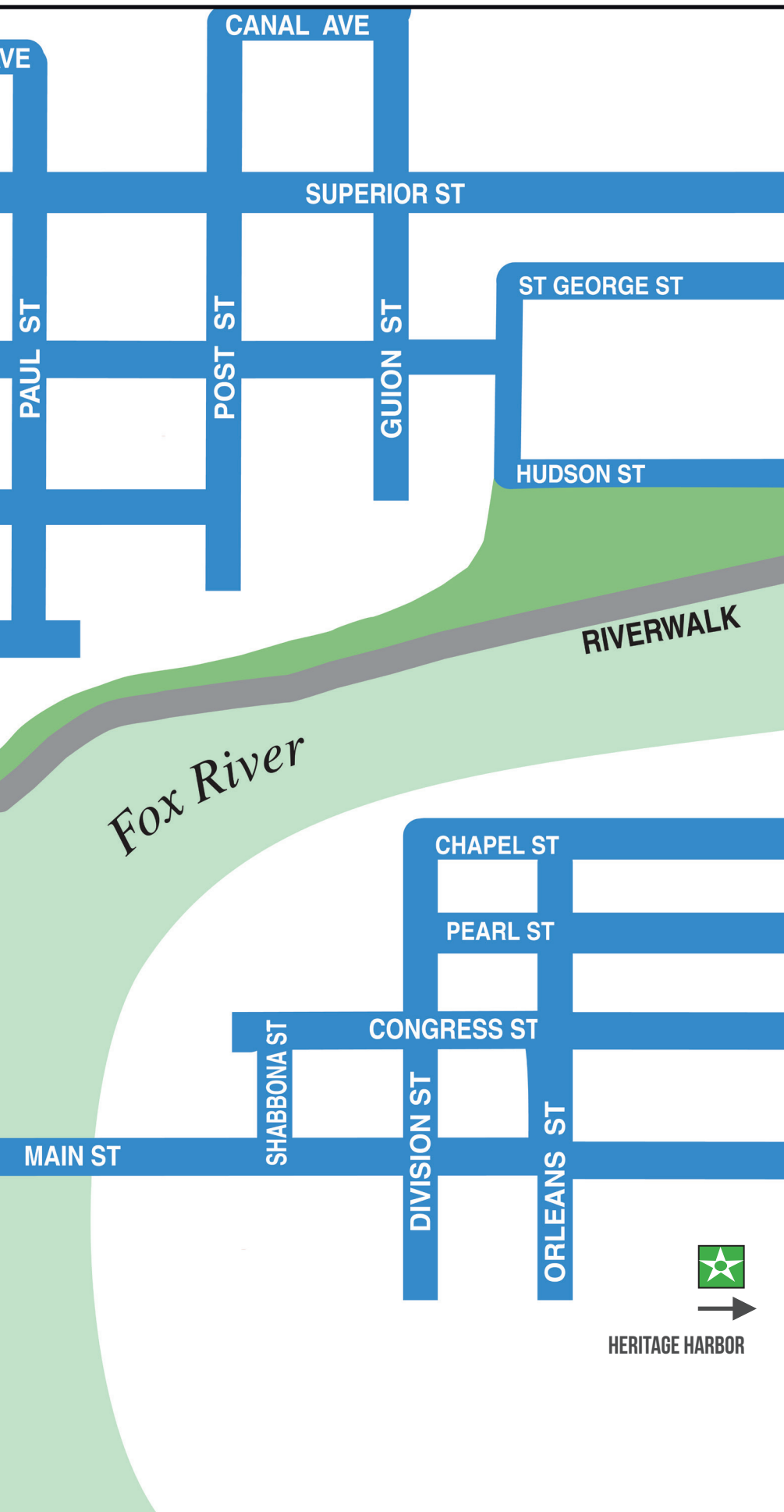
Juried Art Show

At Jeremiah Joe Coffee

- Juried Art Show Viewing
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

WHERE TO GO





MAP KEY



SCARECROW PATCH



ARTISAN MARKET



CHILDREN'S ART ACTIVITIES



ROXY CINEMAS FILM FESTIVAL VIEWING



JEREMIAH JOE COFFEE JURIED ART SHOW



OPEN SPACE ART GALLERY



CITY STAGE – LIVE MUSIC



VIP RECEPTION AT HERITAGE HARBOR
111 HARBOR VIEW DRIVE, OTTAWA



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MURALS

Stroll around downtown Ottawa and admire its multitude of historic murals while exploring FOTA events.



HERITAGE HARBOR

ARTISTS



ALISHA NAYEE

Categorie(s): Painting

BRAD PERKINS

Categorie(s): Photography

CHRIS PISZCZEK

Categorie(s): 2D/ Digital Art,
Mixed Media, Printmaking,
Mosaic, etc

DAVID HARTWIG

Categorie(s): Photography

HELEN KRIEGER

Categorie(s): Watercolor

IRINA ALLISON

Categorie(s): Photography

JACQUELINE HUGHES

Categorie(s): Fiber

JAMES WITKOWSKI

Categorie(s): Glass
and Metal Work

JAY REED

Categorie(s): 3D/ Sculpture,
Mosaic, etc

JESSICA PETERSON

Categorie(s): Drawing

JILL JENSEN

Categorie(s): Photography

JOCELYN CAMPBELL

Categorie(s): Fiber

JOHN MINARCIK

Categorie(s): Painting

JOSEPH URSO

Categorie(s): 2D/ Digital Art,
Mixed Media, Printmaking,
Mosaic, etc.

JUSTIN BOLLINI

Categorie(s): Wood

KATE BATKIEWICZ

Categorie(s): Painting

LORENA MALM

Categorie(s): Painting

NATALIE ZELMAN

Categorie(s): Painting

PATRICIA SEIBERT

Categorie(s): Drawing

REBECCA REED

Categorie(s): 2D/ Digital Art,
Mixed Media, Printmaking,
Mosaic, etc

STEVE KOST

Categorie(s): 3D/ Sculpture,
Mosaic, etc

TÉA LAMBOLEY

Categorie(s): Photography

THOMAS ROACH

Categorie(s): Watercolor

TORI EISENBERG

Categorie(s): 3D/ Sculpture,
Mosaic, etc

MUSICIANS

All live music will be performed at the Jordan Block stage.

STEVE CERQUA

Performing 5 p.m. Friday

REVEREND HELLBILLY

Performing 7 p.m. Friday

MANNY & THE OK BOYS

Performing 8 p.m. Friday

NGB DR3K0

Performing 9 p.m. Friday

DJ FAMOU5

Performing 9:30 p.m. Friday

JEFF MANFREDINI

Performing 2 p.m. Saturday

AMBER KAY

Performing 3 p.m. Saturday

NICODEMUS

Performing 4 p.m. Saturday

JOSH ROBSON

Performing 5 p.m. Saturday

THE TIMEKEEPERS

Performing 6 p.m. Saturday

MATRIARCHY

Performing 6:30 p.m. Saturday

URBAN POSERS

Performing 7 p.m. Saturday

HALF SHELL HEROES

Performing 8 p.m. Saturday

DEAD REST

Performing 9 p.m. Saturday

MARK DUDEK ON BAGPIPE

Performing 11:45 a.m. Sunday

TEMPLETON FAMILY GOSPEL

Performing 12 p.m. Sunday

ZOMNYE'T WEBSTER

Performing 1 p.m. Sunday

JOSEPH TEMPLETON

Performing 2 p.m. Sunday

HENRY TORPEDO BOYS

Performing 3 p.m. Sunday

KATIE BELLE &

THE BELLE RANGERS

Performing 4 p.m. Sunday

DEZERIAH

Performing 5 p.m. Sunday

MMCM

Performing 6 p.m. Sunday



You can share your own musical talent during
Open Mic Night from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, September 24.

FILMS



BLACK POOL

Friday 6:15 p.m., Saturday 5:30 p.m.
By: Dustin Morrow
Runtime: 1:25:00
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Suspense, Thriller, Mystery

THE GARDENER : A CAUTIONARY COMEDY

Saturday 12:50 p.m., Sunday 2:54 p.m.
By: Laura Lewis-Barr
Runtime: 0:12:57
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): Comedy, Stop-Motion

WHO IS IT?

Saturday 11:00am, Sunday 12:40 p.m.
By: Jim Menza
Runtime: 1:34:00
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): Comedy

A MOST FORGETTABLE MAN

Friday 5:43 p.m., Saturday 3:53 p.m.
By: Kevin Isaacson
Runtime: 0:29:11
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Comedy

SOUL BONES

Friday 5:32 p.m., Saturday 3:42 p.m.
By: Andrew Huggins
Runtime: 0:11:16
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Drama, Suspense

THE GET LOST LOSERS

Friday 7:45 p.m., Friday 8:10 p.m.
By: Jason Sereno
Runtime: 1:37:38
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): Comedy, Rockumentary

TWO BAD

Friday 12 p.m., Sunday 11a.m.
By: Jim Menza
Runtime: 1:37:00
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): Comedy

BOTCHED

Friday 9:50 p.m., Saturday 7:20 p.m.
By: Thomas Baker
Runtime: 0:11:10
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): Drama, Crime

UGLY LOVE

Friday 10:02 p.m., Saturday 7:46 p.m.
By: Andrew Ford
Runtime: 0:13:00
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): horror

HATE IS NOT WELCOME HERE

Friday 5:27 p.m., Saturday 3:37 p.m.
By: Zaknafein Luken
Runtime: 0:05:15
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Experimental

SIP BOYZ

Friday 10:41 p.m., Saturday 8:25 p.m.
By: Joe Buckley
Runtime: 0:35:00
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): Comedy, Experimental

THE FALL

Friday 1:40 p.m., Sunday 3:20 p.m.
By: Ben Senior
Runtime: 1:40:36
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Romance, Drama

GO GO, BOY!

Saturday 1:18 p.m., Sunday 2:28 p.m.
By: Oriana Oppice
Runtime: 0:06:00
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): LGBTQ, coming of age

THE RIBBON

Saturday 1:10 p.m., Sunday 2:40 p.m.
By: Jonathan Galland
Runtime: 0:04:25
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): Animation

MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

Saturday 1:08 p.m., Sunday 3:10 p.m.
By: Jessica Peterson
Runtime: 0:02:30
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): Experimental

GASOLINE

Friday 9:40 p.m., Saturday 7:10 p.m.
By: Luke Ciano
Runtime: 0:10:00
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): Suspense, Thriller

FILMS

APARTMENT 28

Friday 10:27 p.m., Saturday 8:11 p.m.
By: Brennan McGee
Runtime: 0:13:53
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): Drama, Comedy

SISTER TEMPEST

Friday 6:00 p.m., Saturday 8:25 p.m.
By: Joe Badon
Runtime: 2:01:46
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): Surreal, Sci-Fi, Horror

THE BENEVOLENT BUCKLEY SHOW

Friday 3:25 p.m., Saturday 1:40 p.m.
By: Joe Buckley
Runtime: 1:25:00
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Comedy, Horror

THE LEDGE

Friday 5:20 p.m., Saturday 3:30 p.m.
By: Keith Biondi
Runtime: 0:06:20
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Comedy

WAKING UP.

Friday 5:12 p.m., Saturday 3:22 p.m.
By: MacKenzie Kugel
Runtime: 0:05:08
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Experimental

THE PISS WINDOW

Friday 10:14 p.m., Saturday 7:59 p.m.
By: Daniel Omrani
Runtime: 0:12:22
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): Comedy

MS. ROSSI

Saturday 1:03 p.m., Sunday 2:35 p.m.
By: Pat Battistini
Runtime: 0:05:00
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): Comedy

FLIGHT OF THE HERON

Saturday 1:24 p.m., Sunday 2:15 p.m.
By: Todd Bull
Runtime: 0:13:58
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): Drama, Historical

WRITTEN ON A SUGAR HIGH

Friday 10:00 p.m., Saturday 4:30 p.m.
By: James Altschul
Runtime: 0:51:30
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Comedy, Action

BANDWITH

Friday @ 9:30PM, Saturday @ 7:00PM
By: Pat Battistini & Robert Francke
Runtime: 0:05:00
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Comedy

SYNONYMOUS WITH

Friday @ 5:00PM, Saturday @ 3:10PM
By: Thom Hilton
Runtime: 0:12:04
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Horror, LGBTQIA+, Fictional Documentary

THE SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday @ 12:40PM, Sunday @ 2:44 PM
By: Judy Pirelli-Wambach
Runtime: 0:10:14
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): Drama

UNSEEN

Friday @ 5:17PM, Saturday @ 3:27PM
By: Jessica Peterson
Runtime: 0:03:44
Rating: Teens+
Genre(s): Thriller, Horror

WIRE ORGY

Friday @ 9:35PM, Saturday @ 7:05PM
By: Taryn O'Connor
Runtime: 0:04:30
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): Comedy, Animation

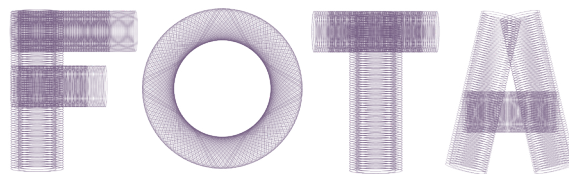
NO REST FOR THE WICKED

Saturday @ 1:15PM, Sunday @ 3:07PM
By: Zach Shaw
Runtime: 0:02:56
Rating: All Ages
Genre(s): Comedy

FIST OF THE WASTELAND

Friday @ 11:17PM
By: Von Bilka
Runtime: 0:26:00
Rating: Mature
Genre(s): Adventure, Sci-Fi, Comedy





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Thank you for attending our first-ever Starved Rock Country Festival of the Arts.

In partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Ottawa, and a host of other community partners, sponsors and donors, our goal is to introduce you to talented artists, filmmakers and musicians from across the country. We hope you'll enjoy the beauty and charm of Ottawa, sample our many wonderful restaurants, and visit our local shops and view other places of historical interest such as the Reddick Mansion, Washington Park and the Appellate Court Building. We know you'll agree that the arts are alive and well in Starved Rock Country!

We sincerely hope you visit us again!

STARVED ROCK COUNTRY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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