

Quotes from participating 2007 Arts in Nature Festival artists:

It was great being part of such a creative, open festival celebrating the arts in beautiful Camp Long. I had a little area on the Glacier where I gave people massages with my voice, and it was delightful. Not only did I meet friends, but also visiting families from Israel and Taiwan! The spirit of collaboration was high amongst all the participants, and there were wonderful installations everywhere. I strongly urge you to fund future festivals.

Sincerely,
Amy Denio

"Not only was participating in the 2007 Arts in Nature Festival fulfilling and fun, but it provided an unexpected surprise for d9 Dance Collective. We collaborated with three musicians who we had never worked with before and had an incredible experience performing with them. In fact, the response - from us, them, and the audience - was so great that we are now seeking opportunities to collaborate again!" ~ Lori Dillon, d9 Dance Collective

The place is absolutely wonderful. So peaceful and so well set up. Everything seemed really special. The big earth globe in the center of the ground added so much to the environment. I was very happy to perform with a fellow musician. The lodge was perfect for such a performance. I especially liked the glacier area. ~Archana Kumar, Instructor/Choreographer/Improviser

"A treasure chest nestled in nature that offers the gifts of connecting with the arts and with community." ~Jennifer Rhodes, JR Recording

Thank YOU for the opportunity to perform in a wonderful setting. I had a good time. I hope people enjoyed the music Old Docketon performed. ~Patrick Bennion

Thank you very much for having me play at Arts in Nature Festival! I had a great time and you were an excellent organizer and host. The festival was a great destination and venue to play for me coming from Portland! I hope we can do this again next year! Many thanks, Adam Hurst
Indian Raga Cello

The event was! The landscapes and the people visiting created an excellent atmosphere to make music, it was like the right place to be! ~Cesar Medel, classical guitarist

As always, it was a blast! ~Bill Horist, guitar saboteur

My audience and I had a ball !!! It was enjoyed by all, me included. ~Kibibi Monié

"I can't believe they let us come in and take over the lodge and swing from that big beam!"
~Mary Cutera from LastLeg Into Flight Time

It was a very enjoyable experience and such a beautiful setting to do a festival. My music was very well received. People I think were surprised to hear some French singing and loved it! I wish you the best for next year! ~Danick Isabelle Jawer

The Arts in Nature Festival is unique: the setting, combining indoor and outdoor venues, the eclectic mix of art forms, adventurous and appreciative audiences, a relaxed atmosphere, and the ever-friendly and cheerful presence of Nancy Whitlock. ~Daniel Shurman, rudra vina player (Indian-stringed instrument)

"They came, they danced with us and drew charming pictures, music rose up into the trees like happy birdsong- in short, Art and Nature met and rejoiced!" quoth Blackbird for Zodiac Poetry Masque and Boxatanian artists

In the audience Sunday there was a mom with her daughter who was about 7 or 8 years old. By chance, as the mom told me later, the little girl has been expressing interest to her mom in playing the viola. And so to see another girl rise out of the audience and join the adults "on stage" to play trios on her viola was quite the inspiring event for her!
~Tom Dziekonski, violinist (and coordinator for the Pixie Chicks, a youth string quartet)

I got to appreciate the festival from multiple vantage points: as a contributing artist and as a mother witnessing my kids' enjoyment throughout the weekend. The range of artists involved is amazing— we were thrilled by the rawness of the fire performance, the chamber players' heavenly music wafting out of the lodge, and Marita Dingus' recycled doll creations, to name a few. Add to that the combination of the amazing urban/nature setting and the infused sense of discovery that make the Arts in Nature Festival unlike any other, and the weekend unfolds with organic complexity. Thank you! ~Kristin Tollefson, museum of sound artist in Cabin #7

The Arts in Nature festival has given me the opportunity to present my first art installation in an inspiring setting that allowed for experimentation, audience interaction, and immediate feedback. Speaking as a member of The Phonographers Union, the festival provided a unique venue that showcases our work to a receptive audience that would not normally come to hear us perform in another venue. ~Mark Griswold, museum of sound artist in Cabin #3

Returning to the marvelous sonic bowl that Camp Long provides, it was very special to perform a Gathering Sounds with Water Music to the accompaniment of the only significant rain during the entire weekend. Not only serving me right, it served all of us right with that beautiful sound filtering through the trees. We took time to listen to it, several times in fact, and it reminded me so much of why the unique Arts in Nature Festival and Camp Long setting are so valuable.
~Stuart Dempster, August 2007

Thanks again for having me at the festival. It was a wonderful change from the urban confines of New York, to be playing music in such a lovely setting. Really enjoyed the wandering audience of all ages exploring the various musical venues and places. ~Loren Kiyoshi Dempster

" This festival is unlike any other in that it's tranquil quality of simple art and nature experiences inspires creativity and caring for earth and community in all who attend or participate. As I worked with kids eagerly creating Eco-Rhythm experiences, I was truly energized by the end of the weekend. " ~Beth Patrick

Thanks for hosting and organizing another great Arts-in-Nature Festival! I had a great time and it's wonderful that the crowds keep growing each year! Over the years, the cabin has become my very favorite installation project. It is such a unique opportunity to explore and express new works. All winter I think about what to do in the cabin for the coming festival. It is a real treat to be able to participate and I am grateful for the opportunity to do so. You and your volunteers do such a magnificent job. Thank you for keeping sound art in the mix!
~Perri Lynch, museum of sound artist in Cabin #8