

Lake Eden Arts Festival 2006 ANNUAL REPORT



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AND CREATING
COMMUNITIES THROUGH
MUSIC AND ARTS

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Mission: LEAF is a non-profit organization established to enhance people's lives through the festive arts including, music, dance, drama, spoken word, and the visual arts. We value community, world cultures, heritage preservation, multi-cultural education and connecting families to the arts.

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*LEAF's Festival staff is comprised of 150+ generous and talented people who are contracted to work twenty plus hours over two weekends for a trade. For a complete listing visit our website.

2006 LEAF HIGHLIGHTS

"LEAF is a great VISION of participation growing of the arts, music, culture. What LEAF is doing is so far out there in the terms enabling individuals, reaching out to others and joining us all through joy and art"

-Chip, High Point NC

"I loved it and really feel it is the best all-around festival I've ever attended. There's something in the air at LEAF. I grinned the whole time, and I can't wait to go back."

-Stratton, Charleston City Paper

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Satisfied! 98% of LEAFers rated LEAF with an 8-10 overall satisfaction.

Working! 46% Professionals, **19%** Artists, **26%** Self-Employed, & **9%** Service industry.

LEAFers are educated! 62% are college graduates, **19%** post-graduate degrees, & **5%** have doctorates. (Remaining **14%** are still in school!)

92% brought family or friends to LEAF.

All ages! 28% are 42-60, **28%** are 28-42, **13%** are 18-28, **15%** are 10-17 yrs, and **15%** are under 10 yrs.

70% of LEAFers will come and tent camp all weekend long.



LEAF ARTS

We are thankful to be able to introduce so many different expressions of culture and arts, and to inspire through the depth and variety of presentations.

-**Music:** 175+ artists Latin, African, Celtic, Middle Eastern, Asian, American "roots"

- **Healing Arts:** 70+ classes in Yoga, Tai chi, meditation, nutrition, massage, Roling, essential oils & herbs, gypsy and Sufi dance, Capoeira

-**Dance:** Contra, Cajun, Swing, Celtic, African, Latin, Clogging, Zydeco, Waltz

-**Poetry:** \$2,000+ Prizes for Poetry Slam! One of the oldest arts & creative paths of expression performances, slams, & interactive workshops.

-**Hand Crafts:** 90+ artists expressing cultures, traditions, and forms of creativity. Original juried arts, handcrafts and folk art exhibits.



OUTREACH

While the two festivals highlight international and local performers in music and the arts, LEAF's programs including LEAF in Schools & Streets and LEAF International play a dramatic role in communities through out the year.

LEAF in Schools & Streets (LSS): Empowering Youth through Festive Arts!

-Since 2004, 5,567 youth have experienced LSS. 835 of the LSS youth have risen to the level of "performer" to drum, dance, sing & poetically perform on stage.

-LSS had 2 fundraisers through the Asheville Affiliates and Bele Chere raising over \$5,000!

-In 2006, 2,673 youths experienced LSS, 505 performed, 38 artists, 15 schools, 5 after-school programs, 2 community centers participated in LSS.

LEAF International: Matching Kids Globally with Instruments & Mentors

-\$3,100 + 4 guitars raised for Rwanda Project for instruments for Nyanza Group and Mizeru Crew

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE

*Budget Highlights & Attendance Reports available upon request.

