

The Big West Arts Festival

August 7th & 8th, 2010

Festival Information

The Big West Arts Festival celebrates its fifth year as a large cultural event on the front lawn of the Sheridan College campus in Sheridan, Wyoming. Its site is nestled in the valley with the dramatic Big Horn Mountains to the west and the spacious, wide-open plains to the east. Sheridan lies midway between the Black Hills of South Dakota and Yellowstone National Park.

Sheridan College is sponsoring and hosting the festival on its beautiful campus. Northwest Community College District (NWCCD) is one of the seven community colleges in Wyoming that includes Sheridan College and Gillette College. Sheridan College is known for its strong academics, arts, and variety of technical programs. For more information about Sheridan College, visit [.sheridan.edu](http://sheridan.edu).

Sheridan County and the surrounding area is steeped in western history. Many museums, historic sites, forts, battlefields, and a western art museum present this complex history. In 2005 Sheridan received the honor of being named the #1 "True Western Town" by True West Magazine. Walking the streets of Sheridan (a great Main Street), is to discover and explore the West.

Sheridan is also an ideal travel base, offering fine dining and quality accommodations with over 1,100 rooms available. Direct daily flights connect Sheridan to Denver, Colorado and Billings, Montana via commuter airlines.

For demographics, cultural activities and services, call the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce at (800) 453-3650, or visit [.sheridanwyomingchamber.com](http://sheridanwyomingchamber.com).

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Big West Arts Festival's mission is to show the breadth of fine art and fine craft that is not only found in Wyoming and the West, but to show the west what's going on around the nation. It's not a western art festival, but rather an Art Festival in the Big West. The Big West Arts Festival welcomes all different styles, forms and images from traditional to the avant-garde.

In 2006 the Big West Art Festival was rated among the Top 200 art fairs in the country with a ranking of #146 by Art Fair Source Book, a very high position considering it was the first year of our event. Now in our fifth year, we have been ranked #54 of

festivals in the country. More information on Art Fair Sourcebook can be found at [.artfairsourcebook.com](http://artfairsourcebook.com).

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES:

TO HELP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ENJOY THE BIG WEST ARTS FESTIVAL:

2010 FESTIVAL HOURS:

Saturday, August 7th -Artist Booths - 10:00 am to 7:00pm. Music until 11:00pm.

Sunday, August 8th -Artists Booths - 10:00 am to 5:00pm. Music until 5:00pm.

FREE ADMISSION

There is no charge for attending the festival to view the art, or to listen to music.

FREE PARKING

Parking is free to the public. No RV's, trailers, or campers are allowed.

CULINARY SERVICES

There will be a wide variety of food available for purchase at the Festival. If you are interested in becoming a culinary vendor for our Festival please click on the Culinary link or contact us at @sheridan.edu

BEVERAGE SERVICES

Please do not bring outside beverages into the Festival. Revenue from on-site beverage sales allows the Big West Arts Festival to be an admission-free event. For safety reasons, cans and glass containers are prohibited within the site.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Beer and wine are sold within the Arts Festival. Regulations require that all alcoholic beverages must be purchased at this event. Arts Festival security will ask that you dispose of any alcoholic beverages before entry. Please don't drink and drive.

FESTIVAL RULES

Smoking is not permitted inside any structure or in any seating area on the Arts Festival grounds. Skateboards, rollerblades, pets, large signs and placards which may endanger or inconvenience the public attending the Arts Festival are prohibited. The Arts Festival reserves the right to decline admittance to anyone who violates the reasonable policies established for public safety or to restrict activities such as public address to designated areas. All packages are subject to search.

MAPS

Printable versions of driving directions and site maps of the festival are available at [.bigwestartsfestival.com](http://bigwestartsfestival.com).