

Norton Museum of Art

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Norton's Art After Dark celebrates Woodstock anniversary 'Go backstage' with festival photographer Elliott Landy; Re-live the music with Grateful Dead tribute band Crazy Fingers

WEST PALM BEACH, FL (July 27, 2012) – In conjunction with its exhibition *Clubs, Joints, and Honky-Tonks: Photographers Experience the Music Scene*, the Norton is celebrating the anniversary of the Woodstock Music & Art Fair, the most iconic and influential music festival in rock history. What promoters dubbed “An Aquarian Exposition” took place Aug. 15, 16, and 17 (spilling over into the following day) in 1969. The Norton celebration takes place during Art After Dark from 5 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 16, 2012. As part of the celebration, admission is 50% off.

A screening of the 1970 *Woodstock* documentary, making “flower power” headbands and bracelets, and festival-themed food (think granola and fruit and nuts) are also part of the evening.

Photographer Elliott Landy, a resident of Woodstock who chronicled the festival, and whose work is in the *'Honky-Tonks'* exhibition, will join exhibition curator Tim B. Wride and Andy Preston, music director for classic rock radio station WKGR 98.7 FM, better known as The Gater, for a discussion about the festival and its effects on music and culture then and now. He also will sign copies of the new edition of his book, *Woodstock Vision, The Spirit Of A Generation*.

Landy was asked by friends to take photographs at a proposed outdoor concert they were planning at a nearby farm. The result was the now-famous visual record of the festival and social experiment that inspired generations of music utopians. From his more journalistic beginnings covering the civil rights and anti-war protest movements, Landy brought an idealistic and spiritual point of view to his images that would come to embody the “Summer of Love” in 1967, and Woodstock, two summers later.

In preparing for the Norton exhibition Landy remarked to curator Wride that, “The musicians themselves could as easily have been members of the audience as performers onstage, and often they did mingle with the crowds after the show. There was a true feeling of solidarity, a unity of purpose, and the purpose was to change the world.”

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South Florida band Crazy Fingers has been performing the music of the Grateful Dead since 1990. (Coincidentally, The Dead performed at Woodstock on Aug. 16.) Bass player Bubba Newton says, “We’re not an Elvis-like tribute band. We don’t get dressed up in tie-die. We don’t use set lists. We just go out and play the music we love.”

The schedule for the Art After Dark Woodstock Anniversary Celebration is:

- 5-7p.m.** **music:** Performance by rock-jazz-electronica band Aquaphonics
- 5:30 p.m.** **tour:** *Museum Collection Highlights* sponsored by pbpulse.com
- 6-7:30 p.m.** **activity:** DIY Art: Flower Power headbands, bracelets
- 6-8 p.m.** **activity:** Dazed and Confused Homebrew Competition
- 6-8 p.m.** **activity:** *Sketchbook Thursdays* with Malissa Reese
- 6:30 p.m.** **discussion:** Elliott Landy, curator Tim Wride, and WKGR FM Music Director Andy Preston on the effect of Woodstock on music and culture
- 7-9 p.m.** **music:** Performance by Grateful Dead tribute band Crazy Fingers

film: *Woodstock* (1970), a continuous screening of the classic chronicle of the legendary festival throughout the evening in the Museum Atrium.

Cafe 1451’s specialty food station will include Magic Mushroom Sandwiches, Woodstock Wieners, Mud Bath Sliders, Special Brownies, and granola with dried fruits + nuts.

And remember, admission for the Woodstock celebration is 50% off the regular price!

About the Norton Museum

The Norton Museum of Art is a major cultural attraction in Florida, and internationally known for its distinguished Permanent Collection featuring American Art, Chinese Art, Contemporary Art, European Art and Photography. The Norton is located at 1451 S. Olive Ave. in West Palm Beach, FL., and is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed on Mondays and major Holidays). General admission is \$12 for adults, \$5 for students with a valid ID, and free for Members and children ages 12 and under. Special group rates are available. West Palm Beach residents receive free admission every Saturday with proof of residency. Palm Beach County residents receive free admission the first Saturday of each month with proof of residency. For additional information, please call (561) 832-5196, or visit www.norton.org.

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