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NEWS RELEASE

SMOKY HILL RIVER FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES DEBUT STAGE ACTS & MORE

(Salina, KS 01-2019) Salina Arts & Humanities announces the addition of several acts new to Festival stages, plus other updates for River Festival 2019, scheduled for Thursday to Sunday, June 13-16..

To better support media, entertainment and public-information needs, select details about River Festival entertainment, arts and other components will be released once or twice a month beginning January 30, with comprehensive performance-time and other details shared as usual at the SHRF Press Briefing on Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m.at the SAH offices.

Among the music acts set to debut at River Festival 2019 are:

*the **Amado Espinoza Trio**, featuring Bolivian/world music, from Kansas City, MO. The trio is rooted in the traditional folk sounds of the Andes mountains, and explores a high-energy musical wanderlust. Founder Espinoza handcrafts instruments for performers around the world. <http://amadoespinoza.com>

***Matt Stansberry & the Romance**, a lively, nine-piece American rock 'n' roll band that hails from Oklahoma City. The group is known for its dynamic live shows and a message of love, hope and unity. www.mattstansberry.com

*Paris native **Jessica Fichot** of Los Angeles, performing a unique, mesmerizing blend of French chanson, Shanghai jazz, gypsy swing and international folk music. www.jessicasongs.com

***Dustin Arbuckle & the Damnations** from Wichita, sharing a strong American Roots repertoire. Arbuckle has toured in 23 countries during his 15-year musical career. www.dustinarbuckledamnations.com

Updates about Festival headliners, the art show and outdoor Art Installations, Food Row, Artyopolis and more will be released once or twice a month. Weekend admission buttons go on sale Wednesday, May 1 at 40 Salina locations and in 21 other cities.

With more than 300 sponsoring families and businesses and 2,000 volunteers, the Smoky Hill River Festival is a success story in partnerships, from innovative performances to hands-on collaborations to generating revenue that supports the arts year-round. For details on how to sponsor or volunteer at the Festival, contact sah@salina.org.

The Smoky Hill River Festival is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, June 13-16, 2019 in Oakdale Park in Salina, KS. Hours are Thursday, June 13 from 4 to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday

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June 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is by Festival Button only; \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Children 11 and under get in free. Visit riverfestival.com or [Facebook.com/SHRiverFestival](https://www.facebook.com/SHRiverFestival) for details.

The Smoky Hill River Festival is the flagship event of Salina Arts & Humanities. A department of the City of Salina, SAH has served a unique role in arts advocacy and support since 1966. The Smoky Hill River Festival, Horizons Grants Program, Smoky Hill Museum, Arts Infusion Program in schools, Community Art & Design, the ArtsMatterSalina e-blast, and Friday Night Live performance series are among the programs of Salina Arts & Humanities, located at 211 W. Iron Avenue in Salina.

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