



# SITKA

## 2011 Sitka Events Calendar

# DESTINATION

### January

#### **RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS AND STARRING January 7**

For information, call St. Michael's Cathedral, (907) 747-8120 or write, St. Michael's Cathedral, P.O. Box 697, Sitka, Alaska 99835

#### **ALASKA AIRLINES WINTER CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES February 13, 2011**

It may be cold outside, but the musicians of the Sitka Music Festival will provide plenty of heat and excitement to warm up your winter. Hear performances by a group of internationally assembled musicians.

Email: [director@sitkamusicfestival.org](mailto:director@sitkamusicfestival.org) For information call (907) 277-4852.

### February

#### **SITKA JAZZ FESTIVAL February 3-5, 2011**

Enjoy a variety of world class jazz provided by students and guest jazz musicians! For information, visit: [www.sitkajazzfestival.com](http://www.sitkajazzfestival.com).

#### **BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL February 8, 2011**

The Festival includes a range of different themes (adventure sports, environment, mountain culture, heritage, etc.) and styles (action-filled short films; longer, more comprehensive films; amateur and professional productions; etc.).

### March

#### **HERRING FISHERY**

Wildlife is generally abundant as the herring gather and spawn in Sitka waters, turning the Alaska blue waters a milky green! For a list of other watchable wildlife, call the Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau, (907)747-5940.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual ARTI GRAS March 11-20, 2011**

Regional Artists and Musicians get together with workshops, live music, Sitka Spring Gallery Walk and Wearable Art Show. For more information call Jeff at (907) 747-4821. Website: [www.artigras.info](http://www.artigras.info). Email: [sitkaartigras@gmail.com](mailto:sitkaartigras@gmail.com)

#### **April TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET**

March/April (Date to be determined)

This annual Blessing is given to Sitka's Fishing Fleet. For information call (907) 747-3338.

### May

#### **OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW May 3-14, 2011**

An event sponsored by the Oceanwave Quilters Guild showing new and historic quilts. Harrigan Centennial Hall. For more information call Sabra at (907) 747-5071.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SITKA SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**

May 20-21, 2011

Experience Alaska's wild and sustainable seafood through entertainment, education and culinary delights. Information is available at: [www.sitkaseafoodfestival.org](http://www.sitkaseafoodfestival.org).

Email: [sitkaseafoodfestival@gmail.com](mailto:sitkaseafoodfestival@gmail.com)

#### **JULIE HUGHES TRIATHLON May 21, 2011**

9:00am at the Hames Athletic & Wellness Center. Registration is day before. The 6-mile run, 10 mile bike and 1,000 meter swim also has a short course for participants age 12 and under. All cyclists should have a bicycle safety check. \$20 Fee. For information call Susan at (907) 747-0519.

#### **SITKA SALMON DERBY**

May 28-30, June 4 and 5, 2011

Catch prize-winning fish in the sparkling waters of Sitka. Cash and prizes awarded. For information, contact the Sitka Sportsman's Association (907) 747-6790.

### June

#### **SITKA SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL June 3-24, 2011 (40<sup>th</sup> annual)**

Showcasing world-class classical chamber music by internationally acclaimed musicians. Evening concerts are performed at Harrigan Centennial Hall, renowned for its breathtaking views of Sitka Sound. Other activities include Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series, Community Concert and Ice Cream Social, Crab Feed, and other events. Contact the Sitka Summer Music Festival at PO Box 3333, Sitka, Alaska 99835, phone (907) 747-6774 [www.sitkamusicfestival.org](http://www.sitkamusicfestival.org) or email: [director@sitkamusicfestival.org](mailto:director@sitkamusicfestival.org)

#### **SITKA FINE ARTS CAMP June 6-July 10, 2011**

Since 1973, The Fine Arts Camp has been attracting students ages 12-18 from Alaska and beyond to study the fine arts of theatre, dance, music, visual arts, writing and Alaskan Native arts. First Class professional artists and skilled teachers are recruited throughout the country. Various camps for different grades, elementary, middle and high school. [www.fineartscamp.org](http://www.fineartscamp.org) . PO Box 3086, Sitka, AK 99835, (907) 747-3085, email: [rschmidt@fineartscamp.org](mailto:rschmidt@fineartscamp.org)

### July

#### **FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION July 2-4, 2011**

A grand celebration complete with parade, demonstrations, game and food booths, fireworks display and other happenings. Check the Sitka Sentinel newspaper for details.

#### **HOME SKILLET MUSIC FESTIVAL July 14-16, 2011**

All ages music festival featuring local and out of town bands. Soul, Hip Hop, Blues, and Garage Style Rock n' Roll.

### September

#### **MUDBALL CLASSIC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

September 3-5, 2011

This annual Labor Day Weekend tournament invites softball teams around the nation to play in Sitka. Email: [webmaster@sitkasoftball.com](mailto:webmaster@sitkasoftball.com)

#### **THE 17th ANNUAL RUNNING OF THE BOOTS & SEASON'S END CELEBRATION September 24, 2011**

Fun Run! Lots of prize categories. Proceeds benefit Sitka Local Foods Network / Sitka Farmers Market. [www.runningoftheboots.org](http://www.runningoftheboots.org) For information, call Jennifer at (907) 747-8604.

### October

#### **ALASKA DAY FESTIVAL October 10-18, 2011**

The actual transfer ceremony occurred in Sitka when the United States purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867. Celebrations include ceremonies, a period costume ball, dances, dinners, contests, a parade and more! Visit Sitka to enjoy all the festivities! For information, please contact: [www.alaskadayfestival.org](http://www.alaskadayfestival.org)

### November

#### **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL (Month of November)**

For information on the wide variety of activities, including the annual Fashion Show and parade, please call Sitka Tribe of Alaska (907) 747-3207, or website: [www.sitkatribes.org](http://www.sitkatribes.org)

#### **15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SITKA WHALEFEST November 4-6, 2011**

Educational annual event featuring a symposium by world-renowned marine scientists presenting their current research, whale watching cruises, concerts, art show a marine-themed market & more! Call Sitka WhaleFest at (907) 747-7964, email: [director@sitkawhalefest.org](mailto:director@sitkawhalefest.org) or visit our website [www.sitkawhalefest.org](http://www.sitkawhalefest.org)

### December

#### **10th Annual Sitka Artisans Market December 2-4, 2011**

Held at Harrigan Centennial Hall. It is a quality retail shopping experience, featuring hand-crafted items, primarily made in Alaska. <http://sitkacoc.com/sitka-artisans-market.html>

### November - December

#### **SITKA'S HOLIDAY FEST**

A celebration of the holidays including the Christmas Bazaar, parade, Polar Dip Christmas concerts, and extended shopping hours. For details, please check the local listings in the Sitka Sentinel newspaper.

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