

# BOHEMIAN NIGHTS<sup>®</sup> AT NEWWESTFEST

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## **BOHEMIAN NIGHTS AT NEWWESTFEST 2018 TIP SHEET**

1. **Local music expert Greta Cornett gives band recommendations:** Local music luminary and Bohemian Nights talent buyer Greta Cornett is available to give interviews providing band recommendations for this year's Bohemian Nights at NewWestFest. Some of Greta's top picks:
  - **Pimps of Joytime** – Incredible musicians performing incredible music. The band calls Brooklyn and New Orleans home, giving you a sense of influences in their sound, which they describe as blended soul. Vocalist Kim Dawson relocated to Colorado a few years ago and has been such an important part of the music scene here, really working with a lot of projects and working to bring different scenes together. We are so excited to welcome them to this year's lineup!
  - **Blake Brown & The American Dust Choir** – You might recognize Blake Brown as he's a Fort Collins homegrown musician. These last few years he's really put himself out there and the payoff has been huge. He was an official artist at SXSW, where he opened for Keith Urban, and he's been picked up as support for some big tours. It's always great to welcome a musician back home and celebrate their successes with them.
  - **Slim Cessna's Auto Club** – We've had this fan favorite play several Bohemian Nights at NewWestFests and as I looked through my notes, I could not believe that I haven't recommended them before! If you haven't had a chance to see them in person, do yourself a favor and make it a point to be at their performance this year. They sing such powerful songs and their harmonies are incredibly Gospel-esque; you feel like you're at a punk rock revival.
  - **Wildermis** – Currently touted as the next breakout band from Colorado, they are poised to take the national scene by storm! Not only did they win the 2017 KTCL Hometown for the Holidays, but they scored a Big Gig win as well. Writing some of the most inspired new music currently coming out of our fine state, you'll definitely want to be front-row and center to check out this band on the rise.

For interviews about band recommendations, contact Greta Cornett at 970-481-3734.

2. **Friday night performances on Old Town Square Stage:** New this year, Friday night programming will include performances on Old Town Square Stage in addition to Library Park and Mountain Avenue Stages. Friday's night's Old Town Square programming includes performances by Lost Walks, Jalan Crossland, The River Arkansas and Strange Americans.
3. **Festivalgoers to enjoy Mountain Avenue performances in the shade:** For the second year, Bohemian Nights will place a sun shade over the first two sections of the Mountain Avenue venue throughout festival weekend. The purpose of the fabric shade structure is to keep the venue cooler and more enjoyable for both audiences and performers. This year's early

afternoon performances on the Mountain Avenue Stage include local favorites SHEL (Saturday at 12:00 p.m.) and The Subdudes (Sunday at 12:10 p.m.).

4. **MusiCares® provides a safe haven for those recovering from substance abuse:** MusiCares® was established more than 20 years ago by The Recording Academy® and is a sister nonprofit organization of the GRAMMY Foundation®; they provide a safety net of critical assistance for music people in times of need. MusiCares' services and resources cover a wide range of financial, medical and personal emergencies, and each case is treated with integrity and confidentiality. MusiCares also focuses the resources and attention of the music industry on human service issues that directly impact the health and welfare of the music community. At the festival, MusiCares manages a private area called the Safe Harbor Room® in the festival's green room where artists, staff and crew recovering from substance abuse have an area to enjoy green room amenities and where they can participate in meetings and services pertaining to substance abuse recovery. MusiCares® will also offer free custom earplug fittings during the festival for music professionals. For interviews about MusiCares, contact June Greist at 970-481-4361.
5. **Local music lovers volunteer at the festival:** Every year, hundreds of community members volunteer their time to support local music. There are several volunteers who have been offering their time every year for over a decade. In 2017, Bohemian Nights volunteers worked more than 350 shifts over the three days of the festival weekend. To set up interviews with some of these seasoned volunteers, contact Mary Timby at 970-692-3788.
6. **Ask Me About Local Music:** Don't know which bands to see? Want to know more about a band? At each Information Booth, volunteers from the Fort Collins Musicians Association assist attendees with the Bohemian Nights mobile app, answer questions about local music and help festivalgoers discover bands that may fit their musical interests. These local musicians and local music enthusiasts are easily spotted at the Information Booths in their red "Ask Me About Local Music" shirts. To set up an interview, contact Mary Timby at 970-692-3788.
7. **Kids' Music Adventure introduces new programs for young music-makers:** New this year at Kids' Music Adventure is Build-a-Band, an activity that invites youth to learn an instrument, play a song and then perform it on the Kids' Music Adventure Stage. Also new is an interactive Early Music Maker program hosted by Foundation Music school at the Music Therapy RAMboree tent. For interviews regarding Kids' Music Adventure programming and performers, contact Mary Timby at 970-692-3788.
8. **Simulcasts of Blondie headliner performance:** For festivalgoers looking to enjoy Blondie's Saturday night performance in a more relaxed setting, the concert will be streamed onto simulcast screens in four locations: on Library Park Stage, in the northwest corner of Library Park, on the Old Town Square Stage and on the Linden Street Stage.



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