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I Love Monster 'Christmas'!

I'm going to start right away by saying that *I know what you're thinking*. As the ZACC's Official Holiday Elf I should know more than anyone that 'those' holidays don't start until after Halloween. It's only October, have I lost it? But let me be clear. I'm not here to talk about *that* holiday, I'm here to talk about MONSTER 'Christmas'! You may know it as the Missoula Monster Project, but over the years it's become my favorite kickoff to the holiday season.



This year is the 8th Annual Missoula Monster Project, and I've had the pleasure of working at the ZACC for the last five of those eight years. When I started, the ZACC was still on Missoula's Northside and my title was Operations Manager. At the time that meant that Tuesday through Saturday I was manning the little front desk right inside our front door – which also meant that I got to meet almost every single adult artist when they came to drop off their monster for the next few years. It became such a treat that I started referring to the drop-off deadline day (when we receive the most monsters in one go) as Monster 'Christmas'.

Monster 'Christmas' requires the help of many folks, but I want to take the time to give attention to two specific groups – the adult artists and Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS). The adult artists in this town truly help make the Missoula Monster Project happen. The MMP is a fundraiser for youth arts programming, so all adults who sign up to participate in the monster project agree to donate 100% of the proceeds from the sale of their work. This means for the last eight years we've had upwards of 300+ adults sign-up (each year!) to donate their time, materials, and creative energy to help ensure that Missoula's youth get access to the arts and arts education.

And of course there's our incredible partner in this endeavor, MCPS. As a second generation born and raised Missoulain, and product of the Missoula County Public School system, I'm always excited to see public displays of art from the school systems. As a child, we only had the annual mall show for visual arts, but I always felt so proud to be able to go and see my work in a public place and know others could do the same. As an adult, I love to be a part of something that allows other kids to have those same feelings of joy and accomplishment. Shoutout to this year's monster lesson teachers – Candice, Kammi, and Ariea – for helping carry on the vision and helping inspire the kids to make such amazing pieces of art.

Come help us celebrate the 8th Annual Missoula Monster Project, and all these wonderful people, and join us for this year's MMP Opening on First Friday October 7, from 5–8 PM. I mean, it's not corn, but honestly I can't really imagine a more beautiful thing (if you know, you know).

**Can't wait to wear my monster visor,
Heather Stockton, ZACC Director of Operations & Official Holiday Elf**

HAPPENING THIS MONTH



8th Annual Missoula Monster Project
Gallery Opening on Friday, October 7, 5-8 PM



Drink & Draw Antique Tools w/ Home ReSource
Wed., October 12, 5:30-7:30 PM at Western Cider

Drink & Draw

Antique Tools & Repurposed Creations

at Western Cider
Free & Open to All



The Show Room

The Lowest Pair w/ Dylan Running Crane

Wednesday, October 5 / Doors at 7 PM / 7:30 PM / \$10 Advance
\$13 Day of Show

The Imperial Sovereign Court of the State of Montana Presents

'Things That Go Bump in the Night'

Halloween Drag Show

Friday, October 7 / Doors at 7 PM / Show at 8 PM / \$10 / 18+

Divide: The Montana Jazz Project

Saturday, October 8 / Doors at 7 PM / 7:30 PM / \$12
\$10 for Students & Seniors

MissCast Productions Presents

'I Am Acquainted with the Night'

A New Play by Laramie Dean

Thursday, Friday, Saturday / October 13, 14, 15 & 20, 21, 22
Doors at 7 PM / Show at 7:30 PM / \$15 General Admission

The Western Montana LGBTQ Center Presents

'Tricks & Treats'

A Queer Variety Show Fundraiser

Sunday, October 16 / Doors at 7 PM / 7:30 PM / \$15 Advance
\$20 Day of Show

MJ Lenderman w/ Spencer Radcliffe

Wednesday, October 19 / Doors at 7 PM / 8 PM / \$10 Advance
\$13 Day of Show

Hard Hugs w/ Goosetooth + Soft X Moth

Sunday, October 23 / Doors at 7 PM / 7:30 PM / \$10
\$15 Tour Supporter

Lyrics Born w/ R'Know

Wednesday, October 26 / Doors at 7 PM / Show at 8 PM / \$20

Revival Comedy Night for Soft Landing

Thursday, October 27 / Doors at 7 PM / 7:30 PM / \$10

Goth Ball

w/ DJs Ginger Bat & Sister Midnight

and live performance by The Order of the Static Temple

Friday, October 28 / Doors at 8 PM / \$10

Shady Cove + Junior + Izaak Opatz

Sunday, October 30 / Doors at 7 PM / Show at 7:30 PM / \$10
\$15 Tour Supporter Ticket

Galleries

Main Gallery

8th Annual Missoula Monster Project

175 Youth Artists / 175 Adult Artists

Chief Charlo, Lowell, and Franklin Elementary

Opens Friday, October 7, from 5-8 PM

In the Main Gallery through October, and online

Blackfoot Communications Gallery

'Pull-a-Card'

Collective Tarot Art Show

Opens Friday, October 7, from 5-8 PM

In the Blackfoot Communications Gallery through October

Youth Gallery

Zigzagging All Over the Place

Works by Ziggy Stillman

Opens Friday, October 7, from 5-8 PM

In the Youth Gallery through October

Adult Classes

Mark Ferber Drum Clinic

Saturday, October 8, 2 PM / \$10 (No one turned away)

The ZACC is delighted to partner with Ed Stalling Studio to present a Drum Clinic with renowned musician Mark Ferber.

Beginning, Intermediate, or

Advanced Relief Printmaking Class

Mondays (5 weeks), October 17 through November 17, 6-8 PM

Block printing is a relief practice of printmaking that involves carving into a wood or linoleum or rubber block, rolling ink onto the surface of the block, and then pressing the block onto paper or fabric.

Free Events

Montana Area Music Association Presents

MAMA Open Mic

Thursday, October 6 / Doors at 7 PM / FREE

The ZACC and the Montana Area Music Association have teamed up to create a space for music, community, collaboration, and artistic expression. Learn about MAMA's mission, what we're working on, and how to get involved. Meet fellow musicians, test out new songs, and build new connections!

Drink & Draw Antique Tools &

Repurposed Creations w/ Home ReSource

Western Cider / 501 N California St

Wednesday, October 12 / 5:30-7:30 PM / FREE

Calling all reusers, repurposers, upcyclers, tool enthusiasts, and zero waste fanatics – join Home ReSource this October for a creative reuse Drink & Draw. Antique tools, second hand building materials, and spontaneously constructed re-creations will be placed throughout Western Cider for drawing inspiration. Home ReSource staff will provide unique drawing surfaces for the event – like wallpaper, pieces of tile, and any other flat surfaced building materials they can think of. The ZACC provides drawing materials at no charge to attendees.

Listening Hat Records

Record Cutting Service Launch Party!

Sunday, October 30 / 1-5 PM / FREE

Come see records being cut live at the 'Listening Hat Records' Launch Party. With the help of funding from the Montana Arts Council, local musician Aaron Jennings is starting a record manufacturing service in Missoula with the goal of making short-run handmade vinyl releases accessible and affordable to artists across the state. Over a dozen artists will be performing live to celebrate the occasion, and these performances will be recorded and cut to a record on site. Attendees will be able to pick out their favorite performances and purchase a custom record to take home with them. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the ZACC.



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