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Lost River Sessions to hold first arts festival before Saturday concert

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Willie Watson headlines the concert as part of the Lost River Sessions Arts & Music Festival Saturday.

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This Saturday, Lost River Sessions will be bringing music and visual arts together in a way it never has before.

Emil Moffat, WKU Public Radio's station manager, said the Lost River Sessions Arts & Music Festival will give attendees the chance to see the work of more than a dozen area artists before a concert Saturday.

"We wanted an opportunity to reach more people and make it a larger festival with music as well as art," he said. "It's just a chance to expand Lost River Sessions into the community."

The festival, which is free to attend, runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday in Fountain Square Park. At 7 p.m., a concert at the Capitol Arts Center will feature Willie Watson, former member of Old Crow Medicine Show now embarking on a solo career, Louisville singer-songwriter Joan Shelley and Franklin string band the Dead Broke Barons. Admission for the concert is \$15.

Darius Barati, co-producer and director of Lost River Sessions, said getting Watson to perform at LRS was like a dream come true.

“To me, he’s almost like a bucket list artist for what we do,” he said. “He’s kind of at the top of the folk music scene.”

The festival before the concert will feature vendors displaying and selling different kinds of art, including drawings, handmade jewelry and macramé and acoustic sets from the Barren River Ramblers, Josh Thurman and Dax Evans.

Two food trucks, Pop’s Street Eats and the Cheese Wagon, will also be on-site.

The Arts & Music Festival, which LRS hopes to make an annual engagement, extended from LRS’s desire to highlight local artists as well as musicians, Barati said.

“We want to make sure we’re representing this city and this area,” he said. “We haven’t until now been able to highlight some of the other creators in the area.”



It’s hoped the Saturday event will make LRS, which is usually held Thursday evenings, more accessible to people who might have work or other responsibilities during the week, Barati said.

Lost River Sessions concerts are sometimes difficult for people to attend.

“It seemed like a good opportunity for people from around the area to come in and have a unique Bowling Green experience,” he said.

“It’s a pretty relaxed day,” he said. They can look at art, they can be leisurely and listen to music or just get a bite to eat,” he said.

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