

Quality and variety make festival a success

Last year's Flatwater Festival was reminiscent of a tattered black-and-white foreign legion film I once saw on late night television. As reflections of last summer's



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heat waved off the pavement, I stumbled from iced tea vendor to iced tea vendor in search of the golden life-saving liquid that would sustain

my trek through the desert-like 108 degree heat.

The quantity of refreshments needed to survive the "summer of '88" heat wave put quite a dent in my small stash of spending money. But if a cool beverage was the necessary ingredient to keep me winding through the mind-boggling variety of festival activities, then it was worth the money spent.

Unfortunately, last year's heat not only reflected off the pavement but also in the total attendance figures. Attendance was down approximately 25 percent to about 60,000 visitors according to Marilyn White, Lincolnfest Inc. president.

The heat wave may have lowered last year's attendance, but the quality and variety of the festival activities remained high and look to be so again this year.

The KFMQ Haymarket Street Dance will return this year. Last summer's was a success with an unexpected 8,000 spectators swinging to a luring Louisiana Cajun jazz/rock beat throughout the sultry New Orleans-like night.

This year's crowd can expect to stomp along to the Texas-rock rhythm of the LeRoi Brothers from Austin, Texas.

Construction in the Haymarket has moved the action around the cor-

ner to between 7th and 8th streets under the O Street viaduct. Participants must be at least 21 years old since beer again will be sold at the dance. IDs will be checked.

Overall, this year's musical entertainment will offer more variety, White said.

"Years past have predominantly offered blues and jazz," White said. But more bluegrass, swing and folk headline the entertainment on the Main Stage this year, she said.

With about 90 artists, 20 are returning from last year according to White, giving festival-goers who combed last year's offerings a new variety of original art to browse

through. Included among the original art will be photography, stained glass, paintings, pottery, sculpture, jewelry and hand-crafted musical instruments.


A quick editor's note -- take it from an obsessive shopper, this is an opportunity to choose wonderful hand-crafted gifts at very modest prices for upcoming birthdays or even the holidays.

And finally, just when I thought nothing could top last year's entire weekend of Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd and Daffy Duck, along comes the all-time flying heroes of Rocky the flying squirrel and his hat-racked sidekick, Bullwinkle J. Moose.


Unfortunately, I must admit I'm the only one on our staff old enough to remember the original days of Rocky and Bullwinkle, but the praises I've sung over these two cartoon creations the last two weeks have convinced my colleagues this will be the highlight of their festival visit.

With all street activities free and a \$2 festival button the only other form of required admission, I plan on spending this year's entire Flatwater Festival weekend again winding my way through festival activities. This time, though, I'll have plenty of money for iced tea... just in case.

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