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Included below is a press release regarding new dates and times for re-scheduled Festival of the Arts events. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Festival of the Arts committee updates calendar after bad weather forces cancellations

BIG RAPIDS – Recent bouts of severe weather forced the Festival of the Arts committee to re-schedule several activities. The following list highlights new dates and times for rescheduled events, including

- Susan Mulder Exhibit Opening Reception Thursday, Feb. 21: The reception for artist Susan Mulder will feature the Northland Pub Singers and their blend of Irish, Scottish and old-time style music from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Ferris State University's Rankin Art Gallery, where Mulder's abstract paintings will be on display.
- **Digital Photography Workshop Monday, Feb. 25**: A Digital Photography Workshop will be hosted by photographer Bill Bitzinger of Ferris State University and Chris Jensen of the Mecosta-Osceola Career Center from 7 to 9 p.m. in Ferris State University's Prakken Building, Room 104. They will discuss the operation of digital cameras, give an overview of Photoshop and demonstrate studio still life and studio portrait photography. The workshop is limited to 40 participants. Please register at Artworks, 106 N. Michigan Ave., (231) 796-2420.
- BRHS Drama presents "This is a Test" Wednesday, Feb. 27: Big Rapids High School Drama students are presenting Stephen Gregg's comedy "This is a Test." The play features the many thoughts racing through a student's head as they race to complete the oh-so-important predictor of their future in 60 minutes. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Rapids High School Auditorium, 21175 15 Mile Rd. Admission is \$3 for adults.
- Jazz and Blues Cabaret Night Sunday March 2: Jazz & Blues Cabaret Night will feature Terry Lower's All Stars with an evening of jazz and blues tunes. Pianist Lower will be joined by trumpeter Rob Smith, bassist Tom Lockwood, drummer Larry Ochiltree and guitarist Michael Hyde. Featured guest artists will include vocalist Edye Evans Hyde and keyboardist/singer Chris "Doc Woodward" Ventzke. The music begins at 7 p.m. in the Big Rapids High School Auditorium, 21175 15 Mile Rd.

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