

Crowds flood Santa Cruz for annual Church Street Fair



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Mary Korkor slings a basket over her shoulder as she sells baskets and other items at the Church Street Fair in Santa Cruz on Sunday.

Events 'Festival within a festival' part of ongoing Cabrillo event

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SANTACRUZ » Curious onlookers pinballed back and forth down Church Street on Sunday, buffeted by colorful art, aromatic food and energetic music.

The annual Church Street Fair, a weekend-long "festival within a festival" feature of the 10-day Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music, drew thousands of attendees.

Jacques Delacroix, who lives around the corner from Church Street, sat on a stone wall be-

side City Hall with his 5-year-old granddaughter Meena Delacroix, friends and their outgoing Labrador, Charlie.

"This is my fifth or sixth year coming. I like a variety of music, like AZA, the Moroccan-inspired group that closes tonight," said Delacroix, an author and former

Online: To see a video of the Church Street Fair on Sunday, visit santacruzsentinel.com and click on this story.

KSCO talk show host and professor. "This is kind of like going to an all-you-can-eat restaurant. I'm exposed to all kinds of music that I wouldn't normally get."

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Meena, whose face was painted with a feather and headband, said her favorite Church Street attraction was the belly dancers from Saturday night.

"This is a pleasant small town," Delacroix said. "It's not boring. Most small towns are boring."

Lined up along Church Street were local vendors selling jewelry, framed photography, clothing, handbags, paintings and handmade organic soap. Scattered amidst the artists were falafel vendors, wine tasting, a new-this-year beer garden, sandwiches and other edible options. Children with an artistic interest were also given several options to



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ply their skills.

Mary Kaourie, of Santa Cruz, munched on kettle corn kernels after emerging from the Free Family Concert inside the Civic Auditorium, featuring the Cabrillo Festival Orchestra.

"I like music, all kinds of music," said Kaourie of attending the fair. "(Santa Cruz has) so many events, I can't keep up with them."

Wearing a soft-brimmed striped hat, Karen Burnett of Felton sat not far away in front of the fair's main

stage, waiting for the Watsonville Taiko drummers to begin. The two would shortly make their way down to the henna art tent.

"There's always something to do here. Even unplanned events," said Burnett, who brought her niece Adele Gedig, visiting from Chicago, to the fair.

Gedig said she loved both the beautiful weather and artwork at the event.

Though the Church Street Fair only went through Sunday, the overarching 23rd Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music continues through Aug. 10. The celebration launched with banjo player and composer Béla Fleck and will close with the United States premier of Detlev Glanert's "Three Songs without Words." For more information, visit cabrillomusic.org.

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