

The FAIRBANKS SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

Since 1980

Held on the beautiful University of Alaska Fairbanks Campus!

The Legacy of Love

The Festival's Board created this Fund to honor Jo for all she has done in establishing the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival. The Fund will be invested as an Operating Reserves Savings Account. It will be used when the market is such that there may be little or no distributions from the Festival's Endowment Accounts.

We are hoping many people will honor Jo's legacy with a contribution of any size. Contributors will be named on a plaque that is being planned. The campaign will close shortly after this summer's Festival. For more information about Jo, the Legacy of Love and the Festival, visit www.fsaf.org

It is a privilege to serve as the Honorary Chair of the Festival's Legacy of Love Fund to honor Jo Ryman Scott.

A champion-extraordinaire of the arts, Jo has fostered the development of our community's commitment to artistic expressions. She has a deep-rooted dedication to Fairbanks and to the arts. Over the years, she has inspired thousands of curious students, fortunate citizens, wandering visitors, and classically-trained artists to passionately pursue artistic excellence, expression and appreciation. She has raised the quality of life for people in our local community as well as many people throughout Alaska and the United States.

I can think of no finer tribute to Jo than to help ensure that the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival will endure well into the 21st century to be experienced by the next generation of students, citizens, visitors and artists.


Mike Powers, CEO, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital



Mike Powers, Honorary Chair, the Legacy of Love Fund, with Jo Ryman Scott, Founder and Director Emeriti, Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival.

Jo Ryman Scott

Jo turns 81 in April! She is known as a passionate educator, and this marks her 63rd year in the teaching field.

She grew up on a farm in South Dakota. Her first teaching experience was at Wright School—a charming one-room country school about 14 miles south of Aberdeen. She cherishes the memories of her three years teaching the wonderful children there—plus carrying water every day, starting the fires on cold winter mornings, being the janitor and playing outdoor games with the kids at noon and recess! Jo credits those years as being the spring-board for developing the courage and stamina to go on to get her college degree—something many farm girls didn't do in those days.

She graduated from San Jose State in 1953 and decided to go to Alaska to teach rather than go to Venezuela—as some of her friends were doing. She accepted a teaching position in Fairbanks primarily because at that time, Fairbanks was the only community in Alaska that had the University. The choice was a good one for her because she met **Dick Scott**, and this year they are celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary!

Jo has always had creative ideas for youth. In addition to teaching in the public schools in Fairbanks, she founded Fairbanks' first educational pre-school (1962) and a fine arts camp (1976) held in the Scott's yard.

Then in 1980, Jo realized her dream of establishing a study-performance arts festival in Fairbanks. She called on her friend, **Eddie Madden** (Boston) who knew the talented musicians to invite and the classes and concerts to offer. This event came to be known as the *Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival* which is produced in partnership with the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Jo has received many honors over the last 30 years. To name a few: Two Governor's Awards for the Arts; an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and this year, she will be inducted into the *Alaska Women's Hall of Fame*.

She retired last summer after 30 successful seasons of producing the Festival. The Festival board has designated Jo as Founder and Director Emeriti. She is happy to help her long-time friend, **Terese Kaptur** in any way she can as Terese leads the Festival onward with her own creative ideas.

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