

BIG INK

**Coming to *South Shore Arts Festival*
Saturday, June 15, 2019**

What is BIG INK?

BIG INK is an organized network of creative thinkers focused on carving, printing, and promoting large scale woodcuts. Since 2012, we have had the opportunity to work with hundreds of creative individuals at arts organizations across the country. The woodcuts are more often printed on BIG INK's giant mobile etching press dubbed "The Big Tuna." "The Big Tuna" is unique in that it can travel practically anywhere, can be setup indoors or outdoors, and prints woodcuts up to 40" x 96" in size.

What does BIG INK provide?

BIG INK is a fully functioning mobile printshop complete with all the materials and equipment needed for your event. We don't use chemicals, such as mineral spirits, for cleanup, so our events have no safety or environmental concerns. All you need to bring is the woodblocks and we provide the rest!

Our equipment includes:

- "The Big Tuna" Mobile Printing Press
- Two 12" wide hand inking rollers
- One 14" wide hand inking roller
- Speedball Brayers
- Ink Knives
- Six 6' folding tables
- Three 12" x 18" non breakable roll out slabs
- Two 10' x 20' canopy tents with sidewalls and wind weights
- An adjustable paper rack with the ability to hang prints over 8' tall
- Graphic Chemical & Ink Co. Oil Based Relief Printing Ink
- Masa Printing Paper which can accommodate images up to 40" x 96"

- Newsprint
- Disposable Gloves
- Vegetable Oil, Soapy Water, and Paper Towels for Cleanup

What materials are participants required to obtain?

Participants are responsible for securing all the materials required to create their large woodblock. This includes 1/2" plywood and carving tools. We request the plywood be 1/2" thick to make the effort of setting up our printing equipment easier.

How many prints are produced at the event?

We include the materials to produce 24 professional quality prints in the day. How the 24 prints are distributed depends on how many students end up participating. For example, if we have eight students each would receive three prints, if you have twelve, each would receive two prints.

How long does each event run?

The Big Ink team arrives at 8:00 for setup. Events run for approximately seven hours, typically between 10 am – 5 pm. We typically arrive at least 2 hours before the event to setup. It takes approximately 1 1/2 hrs to breakdown. Our press is not motorized which reduces safety concerns.

BIG INK Arts Festival printing event cost:

Cost: **\$315 USD** for the day
Limited to 12 participants