EXPLOSION OF ART IN AKSARBEN VILLAGE AT 48TH ANNUAL OMAHA SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL
OVER 130 ARTISTS AND 14 VISUAL MEDIUMS IN AKSARBEN VILLAGE JUNE 10-12

(OMAHA, Nebr.) June 6, 2022 – More than 130 professional artists from 20 states will showcase their work in Omaha June 10 through 12 during the 48th annual Omaha Summer Arts Festival, presented by FNBO. This year’s Festival will be in a NEW location, Aksarben Village, and admission is free.

Artists’ Market
The Artists’ Market offers a plethora of fine arts and crafts in 14 visual mediums including painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, photography, jewelry, and more. High-quality artworks span a wide range of prices and styles – there’s truly something for all tastes and budgets! Additionally, festival-goers can visit with the artists in-person as they shop the market, adding a personal touch to the art purchased at the event.

“The Omaha Summer Arts Festival is one of my favorite events I do,” says artist Tony Winchester, a ceramic artist from Persia, Iowa. “It’s always a good time, filled with family and friends, wonderful memories, and lovely people who come out in droves to support artists like myself. It’s truly a special event and I’m so happy to be back this year.”

Originally from Omaha, Utah-based artist Stephanie Swift loves coming to the Omaha Summer Arts Festival every year because of the connections she creates with her customers. “I love talking to people about their memories of the places featured in my artwork. Remembering all the good times is part of why I do what I do as an artist, and I appreciate being able to illicit the same reactions in festival-goers as they walk by my booth.”

The Artists’ Market hours are Friday, June 10th from 11am to 9pm; Saturday, June 11th from 10am to 9pm; and Sunday, June 12th from 10am to 4pm.

Featured Illustrator
Every year, OSAF chooses an artist to create a custom piece of art that serves as the featured illustration for the event. Through an application process that took place earlier this year, Omaha native Jeffrey Ballard was selected as the 2022 Featured Illustrator. Ballard participates in a number of local art galleries in the Omaha Area, and his collage work has been selected for publication in “Art Without Waste: 500 Upcycled & Earth-Friendly Designs” and has been featured on CBS News’ “Sunday Morning” show. Ballard and his wife, Cathy, also collaborated on an OSAF Mural Cube in 2021 and 2022.

Homegrown Artists Village
This new program has been designed to provide an opportunity, experience, and resources that some artists may not have for a larger art show like the Omaha Summer Arts Festival. This program is part of an ongoing effort to cultivate and encourage local (Greater Omaha Metropolitan area) artistic talent. Eight local artists will be featured, showcasing artwork in a variety of media including painting, glass, and more.
ArtSeen
This unique showcase features Omaha’s premier art galleries and organizations. Through the ArtSeen program, Festivalgoers can interact with local artists and observe the creative process in action by watching live artist demonstrations. ArtSeen booths will be located throughout the Festival’s Artists’ Market. Participating galleries include Landlock Gallery, Blacksmith Shop Omaha, Passageway Gallery, Old Market Artists, and Hot Shops.

Mural Cubes
For the second year in a row, OSAF is installing giant 8’ x 8’ cubes around the City of Omaha featuring the artwork of local artists. This year, 10 cubes showcasing the work of 31 artists will be sprinkled around town, from Downtown all the way to Tranquility Park at 122nd and Maple. A PDF with information about the artists and locations can be found at www.summerarts.org/pop-ups/.

About Omaha Summer Arts Festival
The 48th annual Omaha Summer Arts Festival is Friday, June 10 through Sunday, June 12 in Aksarben Village. Over 130 artists will be showcasing art in 14 different media, ensuring there’s something for every taste and budget! In addition to the Artists’ Market, the Festival will feature live entertainment on two stages, local food vendors, strolling street performers, a Children’s Fair on Saturday and Sunday, a Young Artist Exhibition, and more. For more information, visit www.summerarts.org and follow the Festival on Facebook and Instagram.

The Festival is presented by FNBO, Sponsored by Douglas County, The Sherwood Foundation, Kiewit, Noddle Companies, and Aksarben Village, with media partners KETV Channel 7 and Sweet 98.5. OSAF has been professionally managed by VGA since its inception in 1975.

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