(OMAHA, Nebr.) June 6, 2022 – There’s something for everyone at the Omaha Summer Arts Festival, including the youngest artists! The Festival welcomes families and people of all ages with free activities, art, and entertainment.

This year’s Festival will be held at a NEW location in Aksarben Village. OSAF is excited to call this vibrant neighborhood its new home and take advantage of all its amazing amenities, including plenty of green space for the Festival’s Children’s Fair, which will take place Saturday, June 11th and Sunday, June 12th.

**Wild Kingdom Mini Mural Project**
High school students throughout the Omaha Metro Area created one-of-a-kind murals inspired by Mutual of Omaha’s “Wild Kingdom” programming. These 5’ x 5.5’ murals will be on display in Stinson Park (near the playground area) Festival weekend. The public will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite murals, with prizes awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning schools.

**Young Artists Exhibition**
For the 27th year, the Young Artist Exhibition displays the work of local artists in grades 6 through 12. The inspiring exhibition will be hosted by the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Mammel Hall (67th & Pine) on Friday, June 10th from 11am to 6pm; Saturday, June 11th from 11am to 6pm; and Sunday, June 12th from 11am to 4pm.

The Exhibition includes more than 300 pieces of original art representing 38 area schools. Scholarships, recognition awards, art supplies, and special prizes will be presented at a reception for students, teachers, and parents on Saturday, June 11th.

This year’s featured illustration is “Woman Sitting in a Field of Flowers” by Roncalli Catholic High School student Celia Macias. Her work was selected to represent the Young Artist Exhibition in various marketing materials and will be on display at the gallery.

The Young Artist Exhibition is presented by the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and sponsored by The Sherwood Foundation, the Mammel Family Foundation, and Mangelsen’s.

**Children’s Fair – Saturday and Sunday ONLY**
A special area of the Festival created for children ages 3 to 12 will be located in Stinson Park. The Children’s Fair features hands-on activities, art projects, and entertainment. Admission is free and activities are either free OR require the purchase of activity tickets priced 50 cents each. Children’s Fair hours are Saturday, June 11th from 10am to 6pm; and Sunday, June 12th from 10am to 4pm.

Activities and hosts include:
- OSAF Candy Art/Spin Art
- African Culture Connection (Sat. only)
- Arts For All
- El Museo Latino (Sat. only)
- Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska (Sat. only)
- Girls Inc. (Sun. only)
A special feature of the Children’s Fair is the Art Collectors in Training (ACT) program. ACT encourages the appreciation of the arts from a young age by offering children an exclusive opportunity to purchase original artwork donated by professional Festival artists. The art is priced at just $3-5, and after making their purchases, young buyers and their families are encouraged to visit the artist who created their piece.

Children’s Fair Entertainment
Family friendly entertainment will be located in and around the Stinson Park gazebo (located at the corner of 67th & Mercy Road) all weekend long at the Children’s Fair. With the musical stylings of toe-tapping percussion from Omaha Street Percussion to the talents at Smitty’s Performing Arts Center, this year’s Children’s Fair entertainment is sure to delight festival-goers of all ages!

Saturday, June 11
- 10:00 am – Sam Malcolm
- 11:00 am – Smitty’s Performing Arts Center
- 12:00 pm – Norsefyre Parade
- 1:00 pm – Smitty’ Performing Arts Center
- 2:00 pm – Omaha Street Percussion
- 2:40 pm – Omaha Street Percussion CROSSTIX
- 3:00 pm – The Unicycling Unicorn
- 4:00 pm – Musical Kids

Sunday, June 12
- 11:00 am – Glitterbush
- 12:00 pm – The Unicycling Unicorn
- 1:00 pm – Parfait
- 2:00 pm – Sam Malcolm
- 3:00 pm – Glitterbush

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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