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BRAND NEW THIS YEAR!

49th Annual Omaha Summer Arts Festival Showcases Local Talent

(OMAHA, Nebr.) June 6, 2023 – The Omaha Summer Arts Festival is excited to have several new partners join us on-site throughout the weekend. Art-ABLE, Benson First Friday, D’Colores, Local Art Plug, and the Nebraska Poetry Society will provide exciting and unique arts-based programming and opportunities to support local artists.

“The Festival is proud to develop and support arts programs and related initiatives that promote diversity, equity and inclusion in our community,” said Molly Hartford, OSAF Board President. “Omaha has an incredible network of local artists, co-ops, and organizations doing some amazing work in the artistic community. We feel so lucky to be working with them this year to showcase their talents and efforts at OSAF.”

New to the Festival this year are:

Art-ABLE will showcase artworks created by individuals across a continuum of abilities and disabilities. It is composed of individual, independent artists, artists from QLI, and artists from Angel Guardians. The booth will feature work from artists that are physically challenged and/or developmentally challenged.

Benson First Friday cultivates the arts with their monthly First Friday events – and now they’re doing that at OSAF! Stop by their booth on Saturday and Sunday for fun activities meant to get you in touch with your creative side.

D’Colores presents “Arts, Roots, and Culture” at this year’s Festival. The program combines art workshops, live performances, and a mobile art gallery to create a unique arts experience – all inside an old school bus!

LIVE Mural Cube Painting will be happening at the corner of 67th & Frances on the HDR Plaza. Local artists Renee Hug and Sicily Manganaro will be working together to paint one side of a Mural Cube. Check them out all weekend long to see their progress and watch them work!

Local Art Plug is showcasing a VR video game made by a local artist that puts you in the pilot seat as a Tuskegee Airman. Participants will be able to provide insight and feedback about their experience to help the game developers edit their game.

Nebraska Poetry Society will put on a slam competition at 2pm on SATURDAY in the Stinson Park Gazebo! Some of the best spoken word poets will be on stage, and the audience will get to choose the winner.

In addition, festivalgoers can visit UNO’s **Samuel Bak Museum: The Learning Center**, located at 2289 S. 67th Street across the street from Stinson Park. Housing the world’s largest collection of Bak’s works, this museum uses art as a tool to create dialogue opportunities on art, Holocaust education, human rights, and genocide.

Admission is free, and the museum is open Friday and Saturday from 10am-4pm, and Sunday from 12am-4pm. For more information, visit www.bak.unomaha.edu.

About Omaha Summer Arts Festival

The 49th annual Omaha Summer Arts Festival is Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11 in Aksarben Village. With over 130 artists showcasing art in 14 different media, there's something for every taste and budget! In addition to the Artists' Market, the Festival features live entertainment on two stages, local food vendors, 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 @omahasummerarts.

The Festival is presented by FNBO, sponsored by Douglas County, The Sherwood Foundation, Kiewit Companies, Noddle Companies, and Aksarben Village, with media partners KETV Channel 7 and Sweet 98.5.

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