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"GOLDEN" OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL TALENT AT THE 50TH ANNUAL OMAHA SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

Applications Now Open for Local Artists, Musicians, and Food Vendors

(OMAHA, Neb.) January 26, 2024 – One of Omaha's favorite summertime events is celebrating a major birthday this year... and there's ample opportunity to join in the fun! The Omaha Summer Arts Festival (OSAF) is celebrating 50 years and is looking for local visual artists, musicians, and food vendors to participate. The Festival will take place June 7-9, 2024, in Aksarben Village. Opportunities currently open include:

Mural Cube Project

Over the past few years, witnessing the giant mural cubes pop-up around Omaha mid-May has signaled the imminent Festival. Now in its fourth year, the Mural Cube Project highlights local artists by constructing cubes out of their mural pieces. The cubes are on display for public viewing through the Festival in mid-June. The initial (and simple!) interest form application is due Friday, February 2nd and can be found at: https://bit.ly/423Pc8L.

Performing Arts

With three days of performances slated throughout Festival weekend, there's room for local musicians of all genres and styles! Applications to perform on stage or as a busker at the Festival are due Friday, February 16th and can be found at: https://bit.ly/3SIHZNV.

Homegrown Artists Program

The Homegrown Artists Program is the perfect opportunity for local, emerging visual artists to get hands-on experience at a large professional arts Festival like OSAF. Artists will have a booth in the Artists' Market and be able to sell their pieces alongside the traveling artists at the Festival. Applications for the program are due Friday, February 16th and can be found at: https://bit.ly/3SvIO8b.

ArtSeen

Omaha is home to plenty of local galleries, art co-ops, and arts organizations, and OSAF hosts a few each year at the Festival through its ArtSeen program. ArtSeen groups can showcase their art and even do onsite demonstrations throughout the weekend. Applications for ArtSeen are due https://bit.ly/3HxbKW0.

Food Vendors

Don't forget the culinary arts! OSAF's TasteFest will feature both traditional festival fair as well as some of Omaha's favorite local restaurants and food trucks. Applications to be a food vendor are due Friday, March 15th and can be found at: https://bit.ly/3JOz7fZ.

About Omaha Summer Arts Festival

Omaha is a vibrant city with people passionate about the arts, and the Omaha Summer Arts Festival (OSAF) is a prime example of this love of all things creative. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024, the

Festival is a beloved community tradition that celebrates all kinds of art (visual, performance, and culinary, to name a few) and ushers in the summertime season. OSAF debuted in Omaha's historic Old Market in June 1975 – at the time, it was the first new festival to be organized in Downtown Omaha since the 1940s! Five decades and a handful of location changes later, the Omaha Summer Arts Festival has made a home in Aksarben Village, right in the heart of Midtown Omaha. The 2024 event will showcase over 130 artists (in 14 different media!), live entertainment, local food vendors, a Children's Fair on Saturday and Sunday, a Young Artist Exhibition, and more. For all the details, visit www.summerarts.org and follow OSAF on Facebook and Instagram.

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