



The 64th Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival
March 17, 18, 19, 2023

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One of Central Florida's most anticipated harbingers of spring will celebrate its 64th year, March 17, 18, 19, 2023. The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious juried fine art shows. It consistently ranks among the most highly regarded outdoor art shows in the nation and its artists compete for one of the largest cash awards among the top shows, (\$76,500, new amount this year with a \$2,000 increase). Additionally, the enthusiastic Patrons Program is expected to spend more than \$85,000 in Art Bucks this year.

The show is located in the heart of Winter Park, Florida, a beautifully landscaped area whose surrounding streets are closed during the Festival to allow for foot traffic only. Artists' booths nestle under large oak trees in Central Park and line Winter Park's historic Park Avenue, a quaint and charming downtown area with brick streets, unique boutique shops, and inviting outdoor cafes and bistros.

Attendance usually reaches 250,000 or more for the three-day festival, which is one of Central Florida's largest outdoor events. This year 212 fine artists have been selected for participation, chosen from over 1,000 national and international applications. Along with these juried fine artists and four emerging artists, the festival will feature concerts in Central Park, a wide variety of food and beverages, a large display of outstanding art from local schools and interactive art activities for the kids guided by local museums.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- **The Monte Livermore Celebration of Nature Award** in the amount of \$2,000 for an outstanding work of art that features nature in the form of flowers, trees, plants and landscapes.
- **4 Emerging Artists**- The festival usually presents 3 Emerging Artists but due to tied scores by the judges, there will be 4 in 2023.
- For the second year, a **Saturday Night Jazz Concert** will be held the weekend before the festival, March 11, starting at 3:30 pm. The Kick-Off Concert will feature The Tal Cohen Trio from 5:00 to 6:00 pm followed by the headliner, **Spyro Gyra**, at 7:30 pm, when they will fill downtown Winter Park with their unique uplifting tones that combine jazz, Latin and R&B.

For more details or for information about volunteering at the festival, joining the patrons program or viewing the gallery of participating artists, visit the website at www.wpsaf.org.