



The 65th Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival
March 15, 16, 17, 2024

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One of Central Florida's most anticipated harbingers of spring will celebrate its 65th year, March 15, 16, 17, 2024. 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). Additionally, the enthusiastic Patrons Program is expected to spend more than \$90,000 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 216 fine artists have been selected for participation, chosen from over 1,000 national and international applications. Along with these juried fine artists and three 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.

HIGHLISTS:

- One of the nation's **largest artists' awards** totaling \$76,500. Our newest award, now in its 2nd year, is **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.
- **3 Emerging Artists**- Along with the 216 fine artists selected for the show, the judges select three emerging artists who have never shown in an outdoor festival.
- The highly popular **evening Jazz Concert** returns to **Friday Night** this year. The headliner, **Michael Andrew & Swingerhead**, will start at 7:30 pm, with **The Landsharks**, a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band, starting at 5:30 pm.
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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.