






INDULGE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE WITH THE UNIQUE, ENTERTAINING AND ARTISTIC THIS SEPTEMBER

Enjoy the VeryBest of the 3rd Annual Atlanta Arts Festival

ATLANTA – What better place to host the 3rd Annual Atlanta Arts Festival than in mother nature's own artistic creation, Piedmont Park? Presenting a multitude of talented artists, food, and entertainment fit for people of all ages, this year's Atlanta Arts Festival is sure to please all the senses of any visitor. Come out September 12-13 and find colorful, creative and unique pieces of art perfect for any patron's wall or mantle. Here are just a few highlights of this year's many happenings:

-  **Recycling Artistically:** Create fun artwork, use your imagination and help the environment – all at the same time! This year at the 3rd annual Atlanta Arts Festival the activities will be endless at the RE-art Center. Budding artists of all ages can make their own unique pieces of art from repurposed materials collected by AAF and Piedmont Park. These green creations enhance the park- and your homes- and the RE-Art Center is proud to have professional artists and non-profit visual art service organizations available that weekend to help make these creations extra special.
-  **The Artists:** If it's variety you're looking for, look no further! The 3rd Annual Atlanta Arts Festival will feature 200 local and national artisans selected by a panel of art experts. The 200 artists are broken down into 12 categories including clay sculptors, painters, photographers, jewelry makers and more. Every year the Atlanta Arts Festival selects an artists work to represent its image in a commemorative poster. This year's winning art work was created by a New Jersey native and a proud Georgia resident: Richard Jacobus. The winning piece entitled "The Sun and the moon" illustrates a whimsical interpretation of the universe.
-  **Entertainment & More:** The 2009 Atlanta Arts Festival will feature a wide variety of rockin entertainment throughout the weekend at the Acoustic Café. Offering a cozy spot for you to kick back, sip some brew and listen to the music.

Saturday's line up: Tyler Herrin - 12:00-2:30pm
Steve Monce - 2:30-5:00pm
Francisco Vidal - 5:00-7:30pm


Sunday's line up: Sam Thacker - 12:00-2:30pm
Scotty Cram - 2:30-4:00pm
Crittty Upchurch - 4:00-6:30pm

In addition to the live music, there will be strolling entertainers, artistic performers and live art demonstrations including Vickie Martin's Mixed Media and Collage demonstration, in which she uses interesting objects such as dress patterns, old maps, tissue paper, produce bags and postage stamps. Add your own artistic touch to Julie Ross and Tommy Lee's The Peace Project, a community canvas painting. And, don't miss master craftsmen Hal Simmons as he demonstrates the fascinating art of woodturning from conception to completion:

Saturday & Sunday Art Demo's:

Bark Edge or Natural Edge Bowl Turning - 11:00am
Turning Lidded Boxes - 5:00pm

Turning Christmas Ornaments - 1:00pm
Turning Tops for Kids - 3:00pm

-  **Community Involvement:** AAF has paved the way for patrons to easily learn more about cultural events and organizations within the Atlanta area that exist to promote the arts year round. The Woodruff Arts Center and Broadway Across America, among others, will be participating in the Arts Advocacy program this year. The Festival understands the importance of establishing an ongoing support system for the arts in this community, so once you seek out that perfect piece, lend a hand and find out how you can show your passion for the arts!

The Atlanta Arts Festival is a professionally-juried fine arts event that will fill Piedmont Park with color and life, September 12 - 13, 2009. The festival brings to the drawing board 200 local and nationally recognized artists from an eclectic mix of 12 mediums, including jewelry, painting, photography, ceramics and sculpture, leather and metal, glassblowing and more – all in one weekend!

For more information visit www.AtlantaArtsFestival.com, or call the Atlanta Arts Festival at 770.941.9660.

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