



**2012 ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival
February 18-20**

What:

The ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival is the premier fine art festival of the Palm Beaches. Ranked as one of the top 50 art shows in the United States, ArtiGras showcases a unique juried exhibition of 280 fine artists from all over the country. The three-day event also features interactive art exhibits, live music, and demonstrations that provide an arts experience like no other in South Florida. ArtiGras has been selected as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society. ArtiGras is produced by the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce and benefits over 60 school art programs and non-profit organizations.



Patrons at ArtiGras which expects 125,000 visitors over the Presidents' Day weekend.

Date:

February 18- 20, 2012, Presidents' Day Weekend.

Festival Hours:

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Monday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location:

Abacoa Town Center at Central Boulevard just north of Donald Ross Road in Jupiter, Fla.

Road Closures:

Central Boulevard between Fredrick Small Circle and Main Street Circle; University Boulevard between Main Street and Central Boulevard; Wednesday February 15, 2012 at 6:00 a.m. to Tuesday February 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

125,000 people are anticipated over a three-day period.

Admission:

\$6 One-day Advance ticket, \$12 Three-day Advance tickets, \$10 per day at the gate, children 12 and under free.

Patron Society Membership: The ArtiGras Patron Society is a year round membership club made up of individuals and families who are true art lovers and want the "Ultimate ArtiGras Experience". Single membership: \$150, Double: \$200 and Family: \$300 (up to five members.) Packages include three day passes to ArtiGras, invitation to the Kick-Off Party with local VIP's, Sponsors, Patrons and Artists, VIP parking passes onsite, and discounts off ArtiGras merchandise.

Free Parking:

Parking is close, safe and easy. There are parking areas designated near the Roger Dean Stadium, FAU, Dwyer High School and Jupiter Middle School. Shuttle buses are available to bring attendees to the gates.

Attractions:

ArtiKids Area: The ArtiKids Area is a place where children can get their hands dirty and experience the art! They can build a sculpture, sit at a pottery wheel, or make a piece of art from recycled materials to take home. It is a place where children can expand their mind and their art.

Artist Demonstration Stage Presented by Lang Realty: Various participating artists from around the country will demonstrate their art technique. Attendees are invited to watch and ask questions of our resident experts. Look for schedule of artists in the festival program.

Artivity Avenue: The newest creation for adults to "find their artist within" at ArtiGras. Come take a painting class with Alla Prima while enjoying complimentary wine and cheese.

Charitable Affiliations: Schools and local charities benefit from ArtiGras. The 2012 beneficiaries include the Kiwanis Club, Quantum House, Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, Amara Shriners, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League and 30 local and private schools.

Fine Arts Area: Showcases the talents of 280 national, regional and local fine artists. The show is noted for strong art sales and is rated "one of the top 50 shows in the nation" by Sunshine Artist Magazine. All artists are required to be present during the show. This allows the guests to meet and get to know the artists. Artists compete for more than \$15,000 in prize and purchase awards money in the areas of ceramics, digital art, drawing/graphics/print making, emerging artists, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and wood.

Garden Art Area: Offers fine handmade craft items created with the backyard garden in mind. Patrons will find unique items to useful homes and garden accessories. The selection is varied including wood, glass, sculptures, fountains and furnishings.

Homegrown Artists: This area of the festival will feature 13 fabulous artists from the Palm Beach area who are exhibiting in an outdoor art festival for the first time. These artists have been through a vigorous training program with ArtiGras event staff and other artist experts over the past six months. Patrons will be able to enjoy and purchase art that has been created in their "own backyard."

Music at the Main Stage: Varied musical entertainment will be featured throughout the day including jazz, R&B, and island music. The stage will be located at the Beer Garden near the Food Court location at University and Central Blvd.

Tiny Treasures: Children ages 3 - 13 are invited to enter this exclusive "kids only" gallery where they can purchase artwork donated by the exhibiting artists. Children and their families can then visit and meet the artists on site. It is a perfect introduction to the arts for these future art patrons. All proceeds directly benefit the Quantum House.

Youth Art Competition: Local public and private schools, grades K-12, are invited to create art works and compete for \$2,600 in savings bonds and \$4,550 worth of ArtiBucks for their school's art department. Approximately one hundred finalists in this countywide competition will be on display at ArtiGras. The awards ceremony will take place on Saturday afternoon and the finalists will be on display the entire weekend. The talent of these young people will amaze you!

Information: Online web site at www.artigras.org, e-mail information requests to info@artigras.org.

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