



Chain of Parks ART FESTIVAL

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LeMoyne to Unveil 2019 Chain of Parks Art Festival Cover Art and Artist at Soiree

~Donor Appreciation and 2019 Reveal Soiree~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival will host a Donor Appreciation and 2019 Reveal Soiree, Jan. 17, thanking its loyal Festival supporters as it prepares for the April weekend, and also highlighting this year’s cover art and artist. The reveal is one of the most anticipated aspects of the Festival, held annually in Tallahassee.

The evening of art and music is set to take place Thursday, Jan. 17, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at LeMoyne Arts, 125 N. Gadsden St. Festival organizers will introduce inspiring cover art by John Davis, titled “Whispering Palm.”

“We are very excited to reveal the 2019 poster art piece with its artistic interpretation of Florida’s iconic palm,” said Kelly Dozier, Festival Chair. “We have other exciting news to share as we thank our Festival supporters and community for helping the Festival be recognized in the top 5 Fine Art Festivals in the nation for a second year in a row!”

Other exciting news include a first time listing in the “Blue Chip 100” Fine Art Events by Art Fair Source Book. The Chain of Parks Art Festival debuts on this list, which measures sales of fine art in 2018 at #87. The unveiling itself is set to take place at 6 p.m., and is open to the press.

The Festival will also announce the Saturday Evening Concert performance scheduled for April 27 at 5:00pm on the Main Stage. This year visitors to the festival will enjoy the energetic musical performances of Tallahassee Nights Live! This performance is free and open to the public!

JOHN H. C. DAVIS, ARTIST

John earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts with a focus in printmaking from Tulane University, New Orleans, LA in 1986. Shortly after graduation, John moved to Florida and now lives in Pensacola where he is continually influenced by his coastal surroundings.

His work aims to capture the subtle designs of nature, using a range of printmaking techniques, which he has developed into his own graphic designs with clear lines and repetitive patterns. The color scheme of his work is heavily influenced the brilliant colors of the home of his birth, Puerto Rico, and those of the Florida coast. Recently, he has included the use of traditional patterns observed during recent trips to the UK and Europe.

His preferred medium is a linoleum block print on handmade paper. Each piece is hand pulled and individually painted with acrylic paint. As a professional picture framer, John has also builds picture frames with and embellishes borders specially designed to enhance each piece of art. As a new feature, he is providing mirrors with borders which incorporate the features of the original linoleum block prints and providing a utilitarian purpose.

John is constantly focused on producing new pieces of art. He is an award winning artist, frequently participating in festivals and on exhibit in select galleries throughout Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Georgia.



2019 Cover Artist John Davis and his cover art "Whispering Palm"

Guests at the soiree will enjoy food and drinks catered by Lagran Saunders and Ben Baldwin and Last Call Bar Tenders as well as live entertainment by Nick Miller and Kat Hall.

The 19th Annual Chain of Parks Art Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28, 2019, at the Bloxham, Lewis and Randolph "Chain of Parks," located in Downtown Tallahassee. The festival is produced by LeMoyne Arts and Presented by Mad Dog Construction. For more information about the Chain of Parks Art Festival, visit www.chainofparks.com or email chainofparks@lemoyne.org.

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