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LeMoyne to Host Soiree Highlighting 2022 Chain of Parks Art Festival

Cover Artist Reveal for North Florida's Premier Fine Art Festival

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – In anticipation of **LeMoyne's 22nd Annual Chain of Parks Art Festival** this spring, LeMoyne will unveil the Festival's 2022 cover art and artist during a "Sponsor Appreciation & 2022 Reveal Soiree." Several announcements will be made at the event, hosted at LeMoyne Arts, 125 N. Gadsden St., Jan. 20, 2022, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

While the event is exclusive to special guests and Festival sponsors, local media are invited to participate, with announcements expected to be made at 6 p.m.

Looking Forward to the Chain of Parks Art Festival

LeMoyne's 22nd Annual Chain of Parks Art Festival will be held on Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Bloxham, Lewis and Randolph "Chain of Parks," located in Downtown Tallahassee. Known as a premier fine art event, visitors can view and purchase unique works of art from 150 carefully selected fine artists, while enjoying a weekend filled with local heritage re-enactments, various artistic creations, family fun, mouth-watering culinary creations, interactive children's art activities and foot-stomping live entertainment. The event is free and open to the public.

"The entire Festival team is thrilled to be planning for the event to return to its full offerings and more in 2022," said Kelly Dozier, Chain of Parks Art Festival Chair and Sponsor Chair. "We'll be bringing back children's programs and activities and are looking forward to more live entertainment all day long. It will be a weekend of old favorites plus new aspects to enjoy, bringing together our community's fine art fans and cultivating new art lovers."

The Chain of Parks Art Festival is recognized as one of the nation's "Top 100 Fine Art Festivals" by Sunshine Magazine and was named the "BEST Family Amusement" in the Tallahassee Democrat's Tallahassee Reader's Choice Awards 2021. Dozier says visitors can expect a fun-filled outdoor cultural adventure, while experiencing one-of-a-kind works of fine art under century-old trees in a charming Southern outdoor setting. A recent economic impact study showed the 2019 Festival resulted in over \$1.9 million of direct spending in the Tallahassee community.

Fresh at the Festival

"Each year, we look to incorporate new activities and vendors we believe will bring more to our community," said Powell Kreis, LeMoyne's Programming Director and Festival Manager. "The Festival is a fun, family-friendly experience for everyone, from local amateur art lovers to avid collectors."

Along with a wide variety of fine art presented by artists from all over the country, this year's Festival will include unique interactive experiences like BeTheArt photo opportunities, a Festival Bar by Il Lusso and a Saturday Night Groove performance featuring Tallahassee Nights Live! Returning to the Festival is "The Village," which highlights Community Partners and children's art programs where the youngest guests can participate in pop-up studios, interactive activities and various types of craft-making.

Additionally, there will be four professional chalk artists from around the country creating interactive chalk art pieces throughout the weekend. A "Festival passport" will take guests on a scavenger hunt through the Festival, and guests who complete the passport will earn a prize.

Festival organizers say they are proud to celebrate Earth Day again this year through a long-established partnership with Sustainable Tallahassee. The focus will be on four initiatives: education, eliminating Styrofoam, reducing landfill waste and reducing food waste. A "Recycled Beauty" gallery exhibit at LeMoyne Arts will feature artist Lana Shuttleworth starting Thursday, April 14.

Shuttleworth also serves as the presenting artist for the Chain of Parks Art Festival Opening Night in collaboration with Florida State University. This presentation will accompany her "Recycled Beauty" exhibit. On Friday, guests can engage with a featured artist through an experimental rain barrel workshop.

A Juried Fine Art Competition

Artisans will travel from across the nation to display their original works of fine art for sale, helping to further the importance of fine art in the lives of community members. On Saturday of the Festival, judges will review the artists' works in each media category and winners will be announced on Saturday at 5:15 p.m., when the winning artists' award ribbons and flags will be displayed in their booths. Winning artists vie for \$10,000 in awards.

Learn More

Proceeds from the Festival benefit LeMoyne Arts' educational and exhibition programs.

For more information on the 2022 Chain of Parks Art Festival, visit the website www.ChainofParks.com. Receive the latest Festival social media updates on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.