

# Bayou City Art Festival Memorial Park

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Art Colony Association Donates Record-Breaking \$130,000 Back into Community;

Recipients Include 16 Non-Profit Partners

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“Our Non-Profit Partners provide the volunteers -- more than 1,100 this spring -- who help run the Festival, including the Capital One Bank Creative Zone,” said Joe Pogge, president of the Art Colony Association, the 501c (3) organization that produces the Bayou City Art Festival juried fine art events. “We thank our Partners, our sponsors and the arts patrons who help us make this event one of the most prestigious art festivals in the country.”

Spring 2009 attendance was 34,857 for the festival, ranked the #3 art festival in the U.S. by readers of *AmericanStyle Magazine* earlier this year.



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The Art Colony Association now will surpass the \$2.6 million mark in monies donated back into the community over the past 38 years, according to Kim Stoillis, executive director.

Art Colony Association donations to Non-profit Partners totals \$62,000. Recipients are: Art League Houston; Bering Omega Community Services; City ArtWorks; Diverse-Works Art Space, Downtown YMCA; Houston Center for Contemporary Craft; Houston Center for Photography; Lawndale Art Center; MECA (Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts); Memorial Park Conservancy; Museum of Fine Arts Houston; Orange Show Center for Visionary Art; Several Dancers Core; Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP); Spark Parks; and Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts (TALA).

Funds may be utilized to cover operating expenses or in the case of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, to help acquire decorative art pieces for the Museum's Department of Modern and Contemporary Decorative Arts.

The City of Houston, Budweiser Select, Capital One Bank, Legacy at Memorial, Houston Parks & Recreation Department and KTRK-TV are Festival sponsors. The Festival is funded in part by grants from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance.

The 2009 Bayou City Art Festival Downtown will be held October 10-11 in and around Houston's City Hall. For further information, visit [www.bayoucityartfestival.com](http://www.bayoucityartfestival.com) or call (713) 521-0133.                   # # #

