

Bayou City Art Festival DOWNTOWN

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Bayou City Art Festival Downtown Slated for Oct. 18-19, 2008

HOUSTON (May 20, 2008) – This fall more than 300 fine artists from around the U.S. and the world will embellish the urban streetscape of the nation's fourth largest city to create one of the premiere art festivals in the country: Bayou City Art Festival Downtown. The juried fine art show is slated for October 18-19, 2008, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

With Houston's dramatic skyline as its backdrop, the larger-than-life mosaic is composed of artists exhibiting for sale works representing 19 different art media. The 12th annual event is located in and around City Hall/Hermann Square on Walker, Bagby and McKinney Street as well as Sam Houston Park. The City of Houston closes streets to vehicular traffic to promote a stress-free outdoor art gallery geared to the entire family.

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Bayou City Art Festival Downtown, held annually every October, includes an interactive Creative Zone with free art projects and activities for children, the Houston Arts Alliance performance stage offering continuous multi-cultural musical and dance entertainment, ongoing visual art demonstrations, restaurants and wine cafes and the Broadway in Houston's Broadway Café.

Bayou City Art Festival ranks among the Top 10 favorite art festivals in the U.S. according to AmericanStyle Magazine,

The Fall 2008 featured artist is J.D. Hillberry, a multiple award-winning charcoal and pencil artist, whose works may evoke M.C. Escher, according to Art Colony Association Executive Director Kimberly Stoilis. Hillberry pushes the limits of realistic expression with drawing, with his subjects fooling the eye into thinking that real objects are displayed in a shadow box frame.

This Fall there were a record-breaking number of artists' applications for the Festival. The media formats at the Festival will include clay, drawing/pastel, fiber/textiles, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor and wood. In addition, the

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