

The 18th Annual Artisphere Festival Takes Place in Downtown Greenville, SC - May 6 - 8, 2022

Artisphere presented by TD Bank announced some of its new and exciting programs for Greenville, SC's premier arts and cultural celebration, May 6 - 8, 2022 and reminded loyal patrons that many festival favorites will return in 2022. This year's festival will span Main Street from Court and Main to Wardlaw and Main, is free to the public, and will feature 135 visual artists working in 17 different mediums on GE Artist Row.



A view of Artisphere 2018

"Every year, Artisphere brings a wonderful variety of art, artists and entertainment to downtown Greenville," said Chris Fincher, Regional Vice President for TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank. "TD Bank is happy to play a part in helping Artisphere continue its great success, and we look forward to another exciting festival this year along our beautiful Main Street."

What's New

Truist Arts and Drafts - at the intersection of E. Broad and Main Streets, this exciting new exhibit features 14 different craft beers from Brewery 85, Hi Wire, Columbia Craft, Wicked Weed, Bold Rock, New Belgium, Steel Hands, Catawba Brewing, and Palmetto Brewing Company. Beer enthusiasts can choose from an assortment of styles while taking in live art making as three uber talented, regional artists transform multiple 4'x7' blank canvases to works of art.

Multi-disciplinary artist Ninja Picasso of Greenville will be painting Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Muralist Gus Cutty of Asheville, NC, will paint Friday and Saturday, and digital artist and muralist Cloud Cruiser of Atlanta, GA, will paint Saturday and Sunday.

The Fine Arts Center in Greenville, SC, prepares dedicated students for 21st-century careers through rigorous, pre-professional arts training in a dynamic, inclusive, collaborative learning community. The *Fine Arts Center Student/Teacher Exhibition*, sponsored by Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, showcases a piece from each of the six teachers in the visual arts department, as well three to five additional student pieces from FAC students selected by each Visual Arts teacher.

Returning Festival Favorites

Spinx Kidsphere and Legacy Early College Kidsphere Music, on the north end of the festival (the intersection of Broad & Main Streets) has been an Artisphere staple since the festival's inception, welcoming thousands of children every year to participate in hands-on visual arts and crafts. Volunteers from ReCraft will lead the charge in this fun and interactive tent for kids of all ages, where budding young artists can create their own original artwork! Kids will learn a variety of fine art and craft techniques while weaving their own textiles, making and decorating hats and masks, and using their imaginations to build an upcycled work of art at the Creation Station! The Straws and Connectors Zone is a must-do, where kids can contribute to a Kidsphere kid-sized sculpture. Other activities include stations for handmade Mother's Day cards, celebration hats, and yarn rope belts.

DRUM Percussion Studio will lead interactive sessions for children to explore their musical genius with a variety of percussion instruments. Kids will also be invited to make colorful and creative masks that they can then wear while parading with DRUM down Main Street throughout the week-

end. During these fun and lively parades, students from the T.L. Hanna art department will be showcasing their handmade wearables, created from upcycled materials. Parades will occur Friday: 3:30pm; Saturday: 12:45pm and 5:15pm; and Sunday: 2:45pm.

Creative Opportunities

Since its introduction to festival programming in 2013, the Bank of America Art Lab has quickly become a festival "must do" as it provides DIYers an opportunity to flex their creative muscles under the instruction of local experts from the Art Center of Clemson. Classes are free, and this year's programming lineup offers 22 different workshops, including wheel throwing, printmaking, needle felting, quilling, paper collage, and more. Sign-ups are live now at (<https://artisphere.org/exhibit/art-lab/>).

David Zinn, illustrator and street artist, returns to Artisphere 2022 to surprise and delight patrons of all ages with his whimsical chalk creations. Using chalk and charcoal, Zinn integrates his temporary pieces into the local landscape. From Ann Arbor, MI, (Zinn's creative space) to Manhattan to Sweden, his loveable creatures have been featured in multiple cities worldwide. Zinn will also host a book signing for his new book, *Chance Encounters: Temporary Chalk Art at MJudson* on Thursday, May 5th from 5-7:30pm.



David Zinn at work during Artisphere 2019. Photo by Creagh Cross.

Returning to Artisphere 2022 are the *Clemson University Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics (STEAM) Exhibit* (featuring over a dozen interactive activities) and the *Greenville Journal and Prisma Health Artists of the Upstate Juried Exhibition* (spotlighting local artists). These special exhibits give patrons a glimpse of artists at every stage of their career, from student to professional, and offer opportunities to explore art as it intersects with modern day technology, health and life.

The Wells Fargo Culinary Arts Cafe - The Greenville County School District Career Centers' Culinary Program (Artisphere Culinary Arts Café 2017 Best in Show Winner) returns to the festival, along with some of Greenville's favorite restaurants, including The Burrow, Persis Indian Grill, Society Sandwich Bar & Social Club and Barberitos. Whether you crave tacos, samosa, or a hot chicken sandwich, you'll find your happy medium at the Culinary Arts Café.

Live Music on the WYFF 4 Broad Street Main Stage - This year's music line-up hosts talented musicians from Washington, DC and Boston, MA to Mancos, CO, and Charleston, SC and offers something for everyone from R&B to Jazz, Indie to Americana and Funk to Rockabilly. Headlining acts include Aztec Sun, a Funk/Soul group from Washington, DC, and Ali McGuirk, a Soul/R&B artist from Boston, MA. Artisphere will also present regional favorites and headliner The High Divers (Charleston, SC), Jeff Thompson Trio (Asheville, NC), Brooks Dixon Band, Vilai Harrington and the Hamptones, and the Trapfire Brothers, all from Greenville, SC, among others. Check out the full music line-up on (www.artisphere.org/performing-arts).

The Furman University Performance Plaza featuring the Fred Collins Foundation Local Performing Arts Showcase - Returning this year is a full lineup of amazing performances by local performing arts groups, including Greenville Theatre, SC Children's

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Theatre, and Centre Stage, as well as The Palmetto Statesmen, Vocal Matrix Chorus, and the Carolina Bronze Handbell Ensemble. Those looking for an outdoor workout can enjoy a community yoga class Saturday morning led by Soul Yoga. For the full schedule head to (<https://artisphere.org/performing-arts-schedule/>).

PNC Pop-up Street Stages - Scattered throughout the festival, these stages will entertain patrons of all ages! With performances by the Clemson Dholna Bollywood Dance Group, Dog Day Blue Jay, and the Colorful Hat Circus & Variety, the pop-up street stages bring laughter, magic, and fun to the festival. Find the full schedule here: (<https://artisphere.org/pop-up-stages/>).

"With 47 brand new artists and a whole host of exciting programs, both old and new, we are thrilled to welcome back Artisphere presented by TD Bank to its full scale," stated Artisphere Board of Directors Chair, David Beard. "This year's combination of fine art and community engagement activities is the perfect way to celebrate Greenville's dynamic arts and cultural community."

Find your happy medium at Artisphere, presented by TD Bank, May 6-8, 2022. For more information, visit (www.artisphere.org).

Artisphere is a highlight of Greenville's cultural calendar and one of the country's Top 10 Fine Arts festivals. The event features a juried Visual Artist Row; Artists of the Upstate, a juried exhibition of local artists; Outdoor Stages with performances by local and national artists; hands-on Kidsphere children's art activities; the Culinary Arts Café that highlights local restaurants; and Special Festival Art Projects that liven the streets of Greenville with street musicians, acrobats, sidewalk artists, and more.

Since 2005, Artisphere has given back more than \$640,000 in contributions, stipends, awards and scholarships to local artists and arts organizations. In 2019 Artisphere made a \$9.1 million economic impact. For information, visit (www.artisphere.org).

Art & Light Gallery in Greenville, SC, Offers Works by Annalisa Fink

Art & Light Gallery in Greenville, SC, will present *Familiar Song*, featuring works by Annalisa Fink, on view from May 3 - 28, 2022. A reception will be held on May 6, from 6-8pm.

Columbia, SC, Annalisa Fink quiets her mind through nature to compose her new collection, *Familiar Song*.

The exhibition explores Fink's racing mind. There are a full ten million thoughts...scribbled, tangled, and matted together...most of them utterly useless and noisy in her head. In the mountains, there is so much to take in that her mind is at once quiet. It's like being swept away in a deep current of music.

One of the most beautiful things she has discovered through painting is how many people already know this song. It's a familiar song, old as life...communal and



Work by Annalisa Fink

etched on the heart. She hopes through this show the viewer will hear it afresh... notes

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