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**CityArts**  
A Fair Park Festival  
May 7, 8, 9



**CITYARTS FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY TXU ENERGY FINDS NEW HOME AT HISTORIC FAIR PARK FOR THREE-DAY WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA MAY 7 - 9**

Moving a month earlier to May 7 - 9, CityArts Festival presented by TXU Energy will feature a diverse mix of festivities for families and art aficionados alike to enjoy against the backdrop of historic Fair Park, a national landmark featuring the world's largest collection of art deco exhibit buildings, art and sculpture. Highlights of the three-day weekend extravaganza will include a record-breaking line-up of almost 250 renowned juried artists at The 500, Inc. Artist MarketPlace; more than 50 entertainment acts including headliner Bugs Henderson; free Fair Park museum visits at select times; "dancing water" shows at the Esplanade Fountain; a Crafters Village; concessions offered by popular North Texas restaurants; plus huge culinary and children's areas.

"With all its many great assets, Fair Park is a perfect setting for CityArts Festival, and in fact, it was designed for exactly this kind of event," said David Luther, chairman of Friends of Fair Park. "With ample parking, easy access to DART, its massive size and historic beauty, it's a fitting venue for this flourishing festival to grow."

The 500, Inc. Artist MarketPlace at CityArts will almost doubled in size from last year. The popular juried art fair will showcase fine art and original works by almost 250 renowned Texas and national artists inside the Automobile Building.

"We are thrilled about the magnitude and assortment of talented artists on board for CityArts Festival," said Dillard Coates, president of The 500, Inc. "Everything from ceramics, pottery and blown glass, to jewelry, leather goods, fine art and large-scale pieces including sculptures and metal and wood works, will be on view to buy or just admire. The artists were chosen for their originality and premium quality, and our festival-goers will see that."

Offering something for everyone, a variety of indoor and outdoor entertainment will rock Fair Park with more than 50 musical, dance and performing arts groups set to show on multiple stages. Serenading sounds from around the world will range from jazz, blues, pop, R&B and classical rock, to African drumming, Chinese folk and Latin salsa, to retro swing, classical compositions and even kid-friendly acts.

The legendary Texas-grown rockin' guitarist Bugs Henderson will perform an outdoor gig Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Fox 4 Stage. Other big-name bands will include The Zydeco Stingrays set for Friday at 8:30 p.m. and the high-energy Latin dance ensemble Havana NRG! headlining Sunday at 4:30 p.m. The Dance Stage will feature acts by Anita M. Martinez Ballet Folklorico, Dallas Black Dance Academy and more, plus a Dallas Wind Symphony Quartet concert on Saturday at 11 a.m. The Time Warner Cable Family Stage inside the Centennial Building will feature ongoing entertainment from folk acoustic duo Bella Ruse, teen singer-songwriter Hayley Orrantia, plus nostalgic sounds by 60s-era surf band The Big Guns and more.

Kid-friendly fun will be aplenty at the Prudential Children's Area and Art Exhibit which will house arts and crafts, interactive art, storytelling, demos and more inside the Centennial Building during the day. Quiggly's Clayhouse, Inc. will provide 10 pottery wheels for children to try out. Big Thought will host a

children's art exhibit, sponsored by Prudential, featuring works by Dallas ISD students participating in its Thriving Minds After-School program Big Thought also will offer a booth with hands-on activities and showcase performances by local youth. Outdoor children's activities will include bounce houses and other revelry to keep kids amused. (Note: The art exhibit and Time Warner Cable Family Stage will stay open all weekend including Friday - the rest of the indoor children's area will be open till 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.)

Foodies and wine lovers will want to congregate at the Culinary Showcase for cooking demos and samplings by local chefs, wine tasting, wine pairings, mixing sessions and other delectable delights to tempt the palette. Chefs from Canary Café, Parigi's, Crosby Catering & Coffee, Kirby's Prime Steakhouse, Whole Foods Market and other local hubs will participate. On the menu are tequila tastings, banana sushi, chocolate and wine pairings, short ribs, Greek pizza, vegan ribs and more.

Also, well-known vendors and restaurants will sample and sell Texas-style treats including Dick's Last Resort, Fletcher's Corny Dogs, Marble Slab Creamery, RJ Mexican Cuisine, The Butcher Shop, Selim's Doner Kebab House and dozens more.

The Crafters Village will offer a retreat for creative folks complete with demonstrations of visual and performing arts. The Fair Park museums will offer free admission and special programming at varying times. Guests will be able to enjoy "dancing water" shows choreographed to music at the Esplanade Fountain (details at cityartsfestival.com).

Title sponsor for CityArts Festival is TXU Energy. Other major sponsors are Prudential, MetroPCS, City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, Time Warner Cable, Baylor Healthcare System, Ben E. Keith Beverage Company, Bud Light, Coca-Cola, Community Coffee, FAGE Yogurt, North Texas Tollway Authority, Solemar Wines, Ultimate Vodka, and The Patrón Spirits Company. Media partners are Time Warner Cable, Fox 4 and My27, 98.7 KLUV, 100.3 Jack FM, NewsRadio 1080 KRLD, 103.7 Lite FM, Mega 107.5 FM, K104 KKDA, Smooth R&B 105.7 KRNB, WRR Classical 101.1, Al Dia, Downtown Business News, and The Greensheet. DART is the Official Transportation Provider.

Founded by the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau in 2004, CityArts Festival is now presented by the Friends of Fair Park in collaboration with a variety of Dallas cultural, civic and arts organizations.

Free and open to the public, CityArts Festival will run Friday, May 7, from 6 - 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 8, from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.; and Sunday, May 9, from noon - 6 p.m. Indoor and outdoor activities will take place in the Automobile and Centennial Buildings, Court of Honor, Exposition Plaza and the Esplanade at Fair Park (1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd, Dallas, 75210). Parking will be available at Gates 2, 5 and 6, or ride DART's Green Line to the Fair Park Station.

For details, call 214-421-9600 or go to cityartsfestival.com.