



## **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ATLANTA ARTS FESTIVAL RETURNS THIS AUTUMN**

*Fifth Annual Art Show Paints Piedmont Park with Fine Art, Live Music, Demonstrations, Crafts and More!*

**ATLANTA** – Sketch it on the sidewalk, paint it in a planner or carve it in stone; no matter how art lovers and festival-goers choose to mark their calendar this year, everyone will want to save the date for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Atlanta Arts Festival this September 17-18 in picturesque Piedmont Park. Ranked among the top 200 art festivals in the country in sales for both fine art and fine craft by *The Art Fair Sourcebook*, the festival features 200 artists from 12 different mediums, artist demonstrations, live music, crafts for the kids, festival food and more!

Free to the public\*, the Atlanta Arts Festival is a professionally-juried fine arts event featuring skilled artists from across the country who are carefully selected in mediums including jewelry, painting, photography, ceramics and sculpture, leather and metal, glassblowing and more. With a palette of artwork as diverse as the cultural city the festival calls home, Atlanta's large art buying community will find unique pieces to add to their collection, shop for distinctive décor to complete any room in their home or office and discover one-of-a-kind jewelry to accentuate their individual style. Price ranges vary, so every patron can expect to find something special that fits their taste and budget.

"The number of artist applications we receive has continued to increase every year, which makes the selection process more competitive and results in a festival that continues to outdo itself. Set to showcase some of the best artists from coast to coast, we could not be more ecstatic to share our passion for fine art and culture through the Atlanta Arts Festival for the fifth year in a row," says Tracy Tepp, Atlanta Arts Festival Co-Founder.

More than just a haven for art connoisseurs, casual festival-goers and entertainment seekers alike can enjoy an autumn weekend in the park with friends and relax with a glass of Barefoot Wine & Bubbly while perusing the artist market and taking in the musical sounds of Atlanta's best talent at the Acoustic Café tent. Parents will find fun for the whole family with mouth-watering festival food favorites, art demonstrations, Canvas by U classes and crafts for the kids at Lil' Artist Ally.

Share your opinions, join the conversation and stay up-to-date with the Atlanta Arts Festival by following @AtlantaArtsFest on Twitter and becoming a "fan" on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/atlantaartsfestival](http://www.facebook.com/atlantaartsfestival). Get all the details by visiting [www.AtlantaArtsFestival.com](http://www.AtlantaArtsFestival.com) or calling 770-941-9660.

\*Admission to the festival is free to the public for all events except for *some* Lil' Artist Ally activities and Canvas by U classes.

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### **ABOUT ATLANTA ARTS FESTIVAL**

Atlanta Arts Festival is a professionally-juried fine arts event that will fill Piedmont Park in Atlanta, GA with color and life, September 17-18, 2011. Ranked among the top 200 art festivals in the country in sales for both fine art and fine craft by *The Art Fair Sourcebook* in 2009, Atlanta Arts Festival brings to the drawing board 200 local and nationally recognized artists from an eclectic mix of 12 mediums, including jewelry, painting, photography, ceramics and sculpture, leather and metal, glassblowing and more – all in one weekend! For more information visit [www.AtlantaArtsFestival.com](http://www.AtlantaArtsFestival.com), call 770-941-9660, follow the Festival on Twitter [@AtlantaArtsFest](https://twitter.com/AtlantaArtsFest) and 'like' the Festival on Facebook [www.facebook.com/atlantaartsfestival](http://www.facebook.com/atlantaartsfestival).

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