

The 62nd Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival New Dates: Virtual Festival: March 15- March 31, 2021 Live Festival: May 14, 15, 16, 2021

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One of Central Florida's favorite springtime traditions is moving this year from March to May due to continuing concerns about the COVID-19 virus. The 62<sup>nd</sup> Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival will be held in-person on May 14, 15, 16, 2021. Plus, the Festival will continue its tradition of bringing art to Central Florida (and beyond) in March by hosting a companion Virtual Festival from March 15<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

In March, you can see a preview of this year's accepted artists at the Virtual Festival. It's an opportunity to shop in advance at the artists' on-line booths from the comfort of your home! The Virtual Festival will also include the popular Leon Theodore Schools Exhibit featuring amazing artwork from students throughout Orange County. The Children's Workshop will be on-line too. Area museums will participate with virtual art projects for the kids, including some with craft kits that can be picked in Central Park and completed with on-line instructions.

The tradition continues May 14, 15, and 16 at the in-person event. The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious juried fine art shows. It is ranked among the most highly regarded outdoor art shows in the nation and its artists compete for one of the largest cash awards (\$74,500) among the top shows.

The Festival features original artwork that has been designed and executed by the exhibiting artists during the past two years. The show is held in historic downtown Winter Park, a beautifully landscaped area whose surrounding streets are closed during the Festival to allow for foot traffic only. Artists' booths nestle under large oak trees in Central Park and line Park Avenue in the heart of this charming downtown with brick streets, unique boutique shops, and inviting outdoor cafes and bistros.

Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, the event may look a little different this year, but rest assured that the Festival is taking the necessary precautions to ensure a safe and successful experience for all of our artists and art lovers.

For more information about the festival and current updates, visit the website at <a href="http://wpsaf.org/">http://wpsaf.org/</a>.