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Celebrate Creativity at the 2025 Midwest Salute to the Arts in Fairview Heights, IL

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Fairview Heights, IL – August 1, 2025 – The Midwest Salute to the Arts returns to Moody Park this August for a weekend of artistic celebration, community spirit, and family fun. From Friday, August 22 through Sunday, August 24, the park will transform into a vibrant outdoor gallery featuring up to 100 juried artists from across the country.

This beloved annual event offers a unique opportunity to experience a wide range of fine art, including painting, photography, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, and more. With free admission and activities for all ages, the Midwest Salute to the Arts is a must-attend event for art lovers and families alike.

Event Schedule:

- Friday, August 22: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday, August 23: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Sunday, August 24: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Live Entertainment Lineup:

🎵 Friday, August 22

- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Sweetie & The Toothaches

🎵 Saturday, August 23

- 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Jay Dover
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Bill Puhse

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- 1:45 PM – 3:30 PM: Greg Pacini
- 3:45 PM – 5:00PM: Bernard Long, Jr Trio
- 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM: Little Known Fact

Sunday, August 24

- 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Dusty James and Abalone Pearl
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Airlifter Brass Quintet – U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America
- 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM: Mark Biehl

Watch Art in Action: Demonstrations & Local Flavor

Throughout Saturday and Sunday, visitors can enjoy live art and craft demonstrations, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the creative process from skilled artisans. From brush strokes to sculpting techniques, these interactive sessions bring art to life.

And while you explore, don't miss the variety of local food vendors serving up delicious fare—from savory bites to sweet treats—perfect for fueling your festival experience.

Special Feature: Uncommon Collaboration – A Contemporary Sculpture Experience

Coinciding with the festival is a unique and immersive art experience:

Uncommon Collaboration: An Exploration in Contemporary Sculpture, curated by ArtVillage Fairview Heights and acclaimed artist Catharine Magel. Now in its third year, this temporary outdoor sculpture exhibit offers visitors a rare opportunity to engage with large-scale, thought-provoking works in a self-guided, museum-style setting.

This year's exhibit features 19 artists, including a special showcase by Webster University Ceramics Students, and explores themes of self-discovery, innovation, and collaboration. Many sculptures incorporate interactive elements, inviting visitors to engage directly with the art.

The exhibit opens shortly before the festival and remains on display for a limited time afterward—making the Midwest Salute to the Arts the perfect time to experience it. Attendees are encouraged to vote for their favorite piece to win the 2025 People's Choice Award, announced at the close of the festival.







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Little Hands, Big Imaginations: Children's Gallery & Creation Station

Nurturing creativity in the next generation is at the heart of the Midwest Salute to the Arts. That's why we proudly feature a Children's Gallery & Creation Station—a space designed just for young artists to explore, create, and shine.

At the Creation Station, kids can dive into hands-on, imaginative projects and craft their very own masterpieces to take home. This year's lineup of fun and engaging activities includes:

-  Dye-It Bucket Hats
-  Roaring Tiger's Eyes
-  Party Pinwheels
-  Discover Downstate Illinois Mural Painting

Whether it's painting, crafting, or simply exploring their artistic side, children will find endless inspiration in this interactive area. It's a joyful, colorful experience that encourages self-expression and creativity in a welcoming environment.

Location:

Moody Park on Longacre
525 South Ruby Lane, Fairview Heights, IL 62208

"This event is more than just an art fair—it's a celebration of creativity, culture, and community," said Sharon Kassing, director with the Midwest Salute to the Arts. "We're proud to offer a space where artists and visitors can connect, create, and be inspired."

The Midwest Salute to the Arts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, dedicated to promoting the arts and supporting artists. The event is made possible through the generous support of sponsors, volunteers, and the City of Fairview Heights.

Admission and parking are always FREE and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.midwestsalute.com or follow @MidwestSalute on social media.