

## Award Winning Melbourne Art Festival to be held April 23 – 24, 2022 at Wickham Park

**Melbourne, FL** - The 2022 Melbourne Art Festival will once again be held among the trees and lakes at beautiful Wickham Park in Melbourne, FL April 23 & 24, 2022. The award-winning annual festival, which draws tens of thousands of art and music lovers, is a vibrant family friendly event that promotes and encourages artistic endeavors, education and appreciation of the arts in Brevard County.

This year's festival will feature over 200 artists, live music, kid friendly activities, a student art competition, sponsor displays, and diverse food and beverage options in a serene park setting with plenty of parking. The 37<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Art Festival offers FREE admission, FREE parking, FREE children's activities and FREE live entertainment throughout the weekend.

## Among the many highlights of this year's festival:

- Nationally ranked and juried fine art show with over 200 artists displaying original works of art in a variety of medias. Hours are Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am 5:00 pm
- Children's activities both days geared towards entertaining and engaging children.
- Student Art Competition for Brevard County residents in grades 7<sup>th</sup> 12
- Multiple food vendors serving a variety of cuisine and snack options along with cold beverages including beer, wine, and liquor.
- Live music near the food court starting at 11:30 am on both Saturday and Sunday.
- Browse Melbourne Art Festival Sponsor displays
- The 2022 Art Festival Directory provides a map, schedule of events, and information about artists, judges, the committee, and sponsors. Please check out our website for Sponsor, Vendor, and 2021 Festival Directory advertising packages.

The Melbourne Art Festival is a juried Fine Arts Show, drawing artists from throughout Florida and the United States. The Melbourne Art Festival was selected as one of the Top 100 fine art shows in the US over the past ten years by Sunshine Artist Magazine in their September 2021 issue and was a 2021 Finalist for Florida Today's Best of Brevard Awards in the non-profit category.

Originally held in Downtown Melbourne for its first 32 years, the festival moved to Wickham Park in 2017 due to limited parking, downtown congestion, and space limitations for artists, sponsors, and food vendors. Proceeds raised during the weekend, along with those raised at Melbourne Art Festival Benefit Art Auctions, are used to encourage and support the arts and art education in Brevard County; Offer Student Scholarships to junior high and high school students for art classes and camps; and funding other educational art efforts and local art organizations. The Melbourne Arts Festival has donated over \$100,000 to the community.

Melbourne Art Festival is a Not for Profit 501-C3 organization whose mission is to promote and encourage artistic endeavors, education and appreciation. The festival is run completely by volunteers. <u>To volunteer</u>, <u>please visit melbournearts.org</u>

## Melbourne Art Festival Details:

- What: Melbourne Art Festival
- When: 9:00 am 5:00 pm Saturday April 23 and Sunday April 24, 2022
- Where: Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne, FL
- Cost: FREE Parking, Admission, Entertainment, and Kids Activities.
- Pets: The Melbourne Art Festival is pet friendly please follow Wickham Park rules.
- More Info: Visit melbournearts.org, email mafinfo@melbournearts.org or call 321-722-1964
- Covid Compliant: All CDC Guidelines will be followed

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