



## **Sunshine Artist Magazine Names Melbourne Art Festival One of the Top 200 Art Shows in the USA Over the Past Decade**

**Melbourne, FL** - The Melbourne Art Festival made the list of Top 100 Fine Art shows in the US over the past ten years by Sunshine Artist Magazine. The award-winning annual festival ranked 58 out of 100 Fine Art shows in the September 2021 issue. The 2022 Melbourne Art Festival will be held among the trees and lakes at beautiful Wickham Park in Melbourne, FL April 23 & 24, 2022.

Launched in 1993, the Sunshine Artist 200 Best is split into two categories: Fine Art and Contemporary Craft. Artists and craftspeople are typically asked to cast their votes each spring for the 200 Best shows from the previous year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on the industry, Sunshine Artist decided to tabulate the best shows of the last ten years.

The 2022 Melbourne Art 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.

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. The Melbourne Art Festival is also pleased to have been selected as a 2021 Finalist for Florida Today's Best of Brevard Awards in the Non-Profit category.

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