



## **Ix Art Park welcomes 50+ vendors to the Charlottesville Arts Festival in May**

(Charlottesville, Virginia - May 9, 2023) From Saturday, May 27 through Sunday, May 28, the Ix Art Park Foundation in downtown Charlottesville will host 50+ art vendors from across the East Coast for the Charlottesville Arts Festival. The festival is a two-day celebration of creativity, diversity and community providing locals and visitors of all ages a chance to immerse themselves in arts of all genres. Vendor booths will feature paintings, drawings, photography, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry, glass, fiber arts and more.

The Charlottesville Arts Festival, presented in partnership with Virginia Tourism Corporation, Virginia Commission for the Arts, Barton Marlow, Blue Ridge Beverage, Crutchfield, and Ting will be open from 3pm to 8pm on Saturday, May 27, and from 10am to 6pm on Sunday, May 28. Tickets are \$7 per day or visitors can purchase a \$12 pass for both days. Additionally, patrons can enjoy Virginia's first immersive art museum at the discounted rate of \$5. Children 12 years old and under are welcome to both the festival and The Looking Glass for free. Tickets are available at [ixartpark.org/arts-festival](http://ixartpark.org/arts-festival).

### Festival Programming:

Vendors scheduled to appear over the course of the weekend include Abigail Treece-Things Clay and Wool, Albemarle Cannabis Company, alignedwire, Anam Cara Clay Goods, Art by Blossoms, Art of G Terado, Artifice & Grace, Barbara Troville Fine Art, Bellavance Ink, Blake Gore Miniature Art, Blue Door Art Gallery, Cathy's Custom Jewelry, Christina-Jane Norquay Art, Danny Bryan Art, Daybreak Agora, Deerhawk Art Studio, Designs by Kent, Designs By Melanie, A Different Place and Time, Eilisain Jewelry, Fisher Samuel Harris, Frontier Guitars, GBird Knots, Happy Henna Guy, HERD Ventures, IP Art Studio, Jill Ward Fine Arts, Kathryn Wingate, Laura Aldridge Art, Laura Lee Gullede, Lauren Hunt Glass, Leslie Ann Greiner, Marley Nichelle, Mary Jane Check, McGuffey Art Center, Om Tattoo & Massage, Pine Resin Sculptures, Rachel Noelles Art, Robert Pennix Art, Ryan Styer Arnold Art, S.E.W. What Bead Company, Sandy Feet Photography, Sharon Showalter, Southern Tiger Collective, Studio Hannah, Tammy Tatum Art, Tumôhq Arts, and Wicked Bubbles LLC.

Many vendors will offer live demonstrations and workshops at their booths throughout the weekend. There will also be hands-on artmaking opportunities, as well as live music, food, and craft beer. Artistic performances will be taking place both days with wandering interactive characters, fire dancing on Saturday night, and a sound bath on Sunday morning.

“We are super excited to be a part of the cross country American Chainsaw Portrait Revival tour” says Ix’s Event Planner, Ewa Harr, [who also coordinates the Crozet Arts & Crafts Festival]. Patrons will have the opportunity to watch Glenn Richardson carve portraits and sculptures Saturday from 4pm-8pm.

#### About the Ix Art Park Foundation

The Ix Art Park Foundation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization located in Charlottesville, Virginia. Ix Art Park seeks to empower its community through curating welcoming experiences that provide all community members with an inclusive space to thrive creatively. The Foundation believes that everyone is an artist and every artist deserves space to exercise their creativity. The Foundation manages a 24-hour free mural and sculpture art park as well as the Looking Glass, Virginia’s first permanent immersive art experience, and community-driven event series including weekly markets supporting women and minority entrepreneurs, arts education programs for underserved youth, and creative empowerment programs for the community at large. To donate, volunteer, or learn more about our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, upcoming events, educational programming, artist and vendor opportunities, please visit our website at [www.ixartpark.org](http://www.ixartpark.org)

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