



26TH ANNUAL DEEP ELLUM ARTS FESTIVAL SHINES A SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL ARTISTS

The free festival returns with a stellar lineup of rising DFW stars and talent from across the nation

(DALLAS, February 2020; source: CultureHype) - The **Deep Ellum Arts Festival** is an artists' playground. For over a quarter century, the annual event has invited Dallas denizens and visitors to a free celebration of art and the creatives who make it. In 2020, this visual and performing arts Festival returns for its 26th and best year ever. From **Friday, April 3** through **Sunday, April 5**, Festival attendees will enjoy the sights, sounds and soul of Dallas' most innovative and creative neighborhood in an event that stretches from Malcolm X Blvd. across Exposition Ave.

The 2020 Festival will feature over 200 juried fine artists from across the nation displaying and selling their original works, including paintings, sculptures, photography, mixed media, and much more. This year's fine art includes local mainstays like painter [Jamie Rice](#), mixed media artist [Jennifer Lashbrook](#), photographer [Angelika Ejtel](#), and mixed media collage artist [Joshua Weiss](#). Artists outside of Dallas travel far and wide will also showcase unique works of art to local art lovers at this year's Festival including digital artist [Burning Paper Hearts](#) from Utah, surrealist ballpoint pen artist [Tai Taeoalii](#) from Missouri, sketch artist [Stephen Vigil](#), mixed media art duo [Black Ink](#) from Colorado, and Austin-based *National Geographic* photographer [Greg Davis](#). The Festival will also feature singers, songwriters, and over 100 artists performing pop, rock, classical and a dozen other genres.

Over 600 visual artists applied from around the country were juried selected in order to select the top 200 within their medium for a for coveted spot along with over 800 original musicians and performers who applied to become one of the 100 selected to be presented as part of this this year's lineup.

This year's lineup includes revered local performers like pop songstress [Peyton Stilling](#), soulful artists [Ravs](#) and [ShySpeaks](#), veteran Dallas band [Droo's Peace Crush](#) and fan favorite Fort Worth band [The Polarity](#). They'll be joined by performers like [The High Moons](#), and [Matthew Bell & The Next of Kin](#).

These fine artists and curated musicians plus many more make the **Deep Ellum Arts Festival** a must-see for art and music lovers eager to discover their new favorite creative, whether they're from Dallas or beyond.

This is an "adult-oriented" visual and performing arts festival; while supervised young children and teenagers are welcome during the day, there are no specifically planned activities for them.

Axiom Music:

Stephen Millard, President of MEI Events and Founder and Executive Producer of the Festival, is pleased to announce that local entertainment booking and management company Axiom Music has been selected to program this year's three main concert stages.

As with the Festival, Axiom's vision is to curate and showcase bands and singer-songwriters with the best

"original music". The team is passionate about highlighting the local and national talent that deserves a stage and an audience that appreciates live music that spans genres.

The Sings and Strings Stage:

Located at Trunk St. and Main, this stage will be hosting Open Classical every day from 11 am to 2 pm, then again from 4 pm to 7 pm. In between their operettas, classical quartets, trios, and other professional classical musicians, they will be hosting their staple event Open Classical, a scheduled open mic for classically oriented musicians of varying skill levels. Aside from this great representation of classical music, there will also be top-notch singer-songwriters, poetry and more.

Art Battle:

Art Battle is coming back to Dallas, and this year they will be hosting their live art tournament at the Festival. In this competitive painting contest, artists compete live, transforming blank canvas to finished works, as audiences experience the spectacle and individual creations. The audience decides the winners each round, with votes cast for their chosen artist. For the Festival, the competition will be bringing back the best from Season 1 and Season 2, as well as opening a few spots for new artists who haven't battled before.

Artists in Motion Walk:

The second annual Artists in Motion Walk will kick off on Sunday at 12 p.m., starting at The Deep Ellum Stage at Main Street and Malcolm X Blvd. and concluding seven festival blocks later at the Texas Fantastic Stage at Main St. and Exposition Ave. Local Deep Ellum groups and fans will be spreading good vibes and positive energy, inspiring smiles and high-five's as they stroll down the festival site. All are welcome to join, and we encourage the wearing of fun, colorful "artistic" costumes. There will be marching music, colorful characters and of course, plenty of delightful surprises along the way. Well-trained, socialized pets and their owners are welcome to join the Artists in Motion Walk and art related costumes are encouraged for both.

The Texas Fantastic Stage:

This major stage will be moving across Exposition Ave. and placed adjacent to Cold Beer Company, one of the many great bars in Deep Ellum. The area created by the move surrounding the stage will be a flurry of activity, including performances from the live art tournament, Art Battle, chalk artists creating live throughout the weekend, and of course, a food court with great food and beverages for you to enjoy!

About the Deep Ellum Arts Festival:

Created in 1994 by Dallas based Main Events International (MEI) the Celebration Engineers®, The Deep Ellum Arts Festival® is the signature event for Deep Ellum, in Dallas Texas and has remained free to attend thanks to the generosity and support of past and present sponsors. Beneficiaries of the Deep Ellum Arts Festival include The Deep Ellum Community Association and The Deep Ellum Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. The weekend of the Festival is one of the biggest days of the year for most of the restaurants, bars, art galleries and shops in the area.

Location:

Deep Ellum Entertainment District in downtown Dallas: 2900 - 3700 block of Main St., between Malcolm X Blvd., and Exposition Ave. and between Elm & Commerce St. The festival covers a half mile of Main St. with music, art, food and more.

Dates:

April 3 - 5, 2020. Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. | Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission:

Free (thanks to the generosity of the Festival's sponsors, exhibitors and concessionaires). Detailed Festival information can be found online at www.DeepEllumArtsFestival.com, or by following the festival on social media. An online Festival guide can be available at www.Defestguide and attendees can enjoy free highspeed internet, provided by the Festival.

Social Media:

Instagram: [@deepellumartsfestival](https://www.instagram.com/deepellumartsfestival)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/deepellumarts/>

Parking:

DART and ride sharing services are strongly encouraged during the Festival, as parking can be challenging to find around Deep Ellum. Take the DART Rail Green Line to the Baylor University Medical Center station for the closest stop just two blocks away. The Deep Ellum Dart Station will drop you off six blocks West of the Festival entrance which is at Malcolm X and Main St. Fares are available from the GoPass Mobile Ticketing App, at any DART Rail Station from a Ticket Vending Machine or from a bus operator. A \$5 Local Day Pass is good for round-trip service.

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