



## THE DEEP ELLUM ARTS FESTIVAL CELEBRATES ITS 26TH ANNUAL EVENT ON SEPT. 10-12

*Come rejoin your community and support the arts as the festival showcases the popular and eclectic entertainment district of Deep Ellum*

**(DALLAS, Sept. 2021; source: CultureHype)** -- We are delighted to announce that the annual Dallas Arts Festival will take place this year from **Friday, September 10 through Sunday, September 12**. Voted “Best Festival in Dallas” by local pools and ranked by participating artists among the top 50 arts festivals in the nation, the Festival stretches six city blocks and over half a mile from **Malcolm X Blvd.**, with the Festival extending past The Deep Ellum Artists Village and Artists Underground (showcasing local artists) to **Exposition Ave.** Since the April 2020 and 2021 festivals were postponed due to COVID-19, this free community visual and performing arts festival returns for its **26th edition** this fall with the majority of performers, fine artists, and sponsors that were previously programmed rolling over to September. In addition, next year's Festival will return to its normal April dates. Expect to interact with fine art, live painters, graffiti artists, body painting, installation art, sculpture, dance, performance art, live music, and more.

With a dozen Festival concessionaires and local restaurants nearby, guests can enjoy a wide array of tasty local cuisines, beer, wine, and cocktails while experiencing more than 200 juried fine artists such as sustainable glassblower **Katie Plunkard**, vibrant photographer **Logan Herron**, handmade jewelry-maker **Eryn Rosenbaum**, oil painter **Holli Michener**, and many more. The exquisite collections showcased will include paintings, sculptures, murals, jewelry, and other original works of art. Various Deep Ellum musicians and artists will be creating live, local art in the spirit of the neighborhood.

The Festival will feature entertainment from over **100 performers** from all over the metroplex and beyond. All perform only original music/material and represent a variety of genres on four separate outdoor concert stages and two performance spaces. This year the Festival welcomes local favorites including **Carley Bearden**, **Sarah Johnson**, **The Dirty Shirts**, **Maya Piata**, **Remy Reilly**, and many more. We are also thrilled to welcome world-famous **Tony Williams** as a headliner for the Festival. The Deep Ellum Arts Festival is where you will discover the newest up-and-coming names in the music industry, from local acts to national performers along with cutting-edge visual and fine arts.

The performance areas located at Walton and Murray streets will feature tons of talent on both corners throughout the weekend. Musicians, live art and even slam poetry competitions hosted by **Dallas Poetry Slam** will personalize the festival goer's experience. Guests can take in live street performances by these talented buskers of varied genres, and are often welcome to interact.

The Festival opens for lunch on **Friday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m.**, offering downtown office workers a special opportunity to review the Festival during their lunch break. Other local galleries, restaurants, bars, and shops on Main Street between Malcolm X and Exposition will be open and bustling with special activities throughout the weekend. This is an “**adult-oriented**” visual and performing arts festival; while supervised young children and teenagers are welcome during the day, there aren't any specifically planned activities for them.

The Deep Ellum Arts Festival will feature multiple stages including the Deep Ellum Brewing Company Stage, The Texas Fantastic Stage, The Michelob Ultra Synergy Stage, The Open Classical-Sings & Strings Stage, Dallas Songwriter, Dallas Poetry stage, street performance areas, and much more.

### **Artists in Motion Walk:**

The annual Artists in Motion Walk will kick off on Sunday at noon. 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.

### **About the Deep Ellum Arts Festival:**

Created in 1994 by 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, and shops in the area.

### **Location:**

Deep Ellum Entertainment District: 2900 - 3600 block of Main Street, between Malcolm X Blvd., and Exposition Ave. and between Elm & Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75226.

### **Dates:**

September 10-12, 2021

Friday and Saturday 11:00 am – 11:00 pm | Sunday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

### **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](http://www.DeepEllumArtsFestival.com) or by bookmarking the Festival guide directly at [www.defest.guide](http://www.defest.guide).

### **Parking:**

DART and ride-sharing services are strongly encouraged during the Festival, as parking can be challenging to find around Deep Ellum. [Follow this link](#) to a detailed Festival Map with parking options. 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 a bus operator. A \$5 Local Day Pass is good for round-trip service.

### **Coronavirus (COVID- 19) Statement:**

Deep Ellum Arts Festival is ready to welcome our festival-goers back after being postponed in 2020! We understand the concerns about COVID-19 and we are cautiously following daily updates and public opinion that could again affect our upcoming production. Like yourselves, we are navigating how to best coexist with this and get on with our lives. Alongside daily monitoring, we will be posting signage requesting that everyone (fully vaccinated or not) respects one another by wearing a mask. If you are displaying any symptoms do not attend. If you have concerns in regards to attending a large outdoor gathering, we recommend that you do not attend. All festival activities, fine art, and music stages are well-spaced over 6 city blocks. Attendance is fluid over the weekend with people coming and going throughout the day and early evening, so it rarely feels uncomfortable or overcrowded. Individual concerns over attending group events are expected to lower attendance but remain to be seen. Even though this event is free to attend the entrances and exit points are monitored so we can control attendance if it becomes necessary to limit capacity. We kindly want to remind everyone to "Mask Up, Space Out, & Have Fun" without congregating in any one area. As a community service, the Festival will also host a portable clinic that will offer the public COVID-19 vaccinations Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 3 p.m. The CDC offers guidance on their website for [vaccinated](#) and [unvaccinated](#) people who attend large "outdoor gatherings" to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the latest outbreak of the Delta variant.

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