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Kerrville Chalk Festival happening this weekend

Kerrville, Texas (Oct. 10, 2022) – The Kerrville Chalk Festival, a family-oriented street painting event now in its eighth year, will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 on Peterson Plaza in downtown Kerrville. An estimated 75 artists will begin working on 55 large-scale chalk drawings on Saturday morning. Peterson Plaza transforms into a temporary outdoor gallery of art as the sidewalks are lined with colorful street paintings. Many of the artists enjoy interacting with people attending the festival and others prefer to work uninterrupted as onlookers simply observe their progress.

The completion of large and detailed chalk art may take the entire weekend. This year there will be a large 7x14-foot patriotic-themed street painting created by Kelly Faltemayer and Russ Gobel of Houston. Other guest artists will be Ever Galvez, Jennifer Ripassa and Lysa Ashley, all from Los Angeles; Jessi Queen and Zach Herdon, both from Atlanta; Joel Yau of San Francisco; Henry Darnell and Carrie Dziabczenko, both from Dallas; Kayla Kilmartin of Corpus Christi, Texas; Julie Mangum of Llano, Texas; Tish Miller of Kerrville; as well as Hung Pham and Marcos

Hernandez from Houston. Local professional artists Marty Garcia, Vivian Gray, Aurora Joleen, Vicki Keese, Stephanie Keller and Liz Painter are also participating this year. Groups from Peterson Middle School, Tivy High School, Ingram Tom Moore High School, Our Lady of the Hills College Prep, The Hunt School, Fredericksburg High School and the Hill Country Youth Ranch will all be chalking squares.

There is no admission charge and the festival will have many free activities for children, free guided tours of the adjacent Schreiner Mansion, and six established food truck vendors.

The Corey Weaver Band, Matt Dunn, Kasberg Jazz Band, St. James's Gate, RBQ, The Unknowns, Dixieland All-Stars, and Kevin McCormick will serenade the street painters, volunteers and attendees throughout the weekend. It has become a tradition for South Texas Bagpiper Lary Fowler to close the festival on Sunday with "Amazing Grace".

Each year a nonprofit visual arts or educational organization is selected as the featured beneficiary. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center is the 2022 recipient.

There are many corporate and individual sponsors who make this free community event possible. Founding sponsor of the festival is the Cailloux Foundation. Benefactor sponsors include Huser Construction Company, Hill Country Memorial Hospital, Hope BioSciences, James Avery Artisan Jewelry, Beverly and Karl Ransleben in honor of the Tivy High School Class of 1958, and the Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau. Supporter level sponsors are The Collum Group of Ameriprise Financial, Crenwelge Motors, H-E-B, Ken Stoepel Ford, Kerrville Hills Winery, Schreiner University, and Texas Multi-Chem LTD. Contributor level sponsors are Anderson Steadham Construction, Inc., City of Kerrville, Gloria and Don Dorsey, Hester Window Coverings,

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The festival will take place sprinkle or shine. For more information, visit KerrvilleChalk.org or "Friend" the Kerrville Chalk Festival Facebook and Instagram pages for updates. Please note that pets are not allowed on the festival grounds, except registered and documented service animals. Standard and ADA-accessible parking is free in the City of Kerrville parking garage on Clay Street.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300, recreation@kerrvilletx.gov, visit the city's website at www.kerrvilletx.gov, or follow us on Facebook at City of Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department or Instagram at cityofkerrville.



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