



ARToberFEST Galveston supports artists, local non-profits, and student artists.

Interested in becoming a sponsor for an upcoming Festival?

Partnership Opportunities

Located on Galveston Island in its historic Downtown Cultural Arts district, ARToberFEST Galveston has successfully presented for 26 years. We have proudly curated a juried arts Festival that showcases the ingenuity of talented artists, fosters a vibrant artistic community, and invites visitors to experience the beauty of Galveston's rich cultural heritage.

Festival History



ARToberFEST originated in 1997 when Fred Wichlep of the Downtown Partnership approached the Postoffice Street merchants with funding for a special event. Given the area's designation as the "Arts and Entertainment District," the idea of an art Festival was a natural fit. The initial committee was composed of passionate area artists and business owners, including Deborah and Terry Conrad, Sallie Anderson, Susan Henry, Bobby Boyd, Jeff Johnston, Gary Jones, Bill Schleisner, Cindy Hillman, Sue and Kevin Tigert, and Kathy Modzelewski.

Over the years, the Festival thrived and contributed to the prosperity of local businesses. However, as time passed, committee members moved on or the businesses changed hands, leaving Kathy Modzelewski as the sole coordinator. Despite her dedicated efforts, Kathy eventually decided it was time to pass the torch and bring new energy to ARToberFEST.

In 2013, Kathy entrusted The Grand 1894 Opera House to take over the production of ARToberFEST. Recognizing The Grand's qualifications and commitment to preserving the Festival's mission and tradition, Kathy believed they were the ideal organization to continue what she and the original committee had created.

For the past ten years, The Grand has proudly produced ARToberFEST, making significant contributions to cultural tourism in the downtown arts district of Galveston Island. This event stands as a celebration of Kathy Modzelewski, the festival's originator, and a tribute to twenty-six years of successful artistic endeavors.

Overview

ARToberFEST Galveston's mission is to inspire, connect, and enrich our community through a captivating celebration of visual and performing arts. By fostering a thriving cultural environment, we aim to enhance the lives of Galveston Island's residents and those of our neighboring communities, creating enduring connections and shared experiences.

What we do as a festival:

- An invitational art show held in Galveston's Historic Downtown Cultural Arts District.
- A juried artist market featuring gallery quality artists in an open-air setting.
- Live musical entertainment.
- Support for local culinary venues, food truck vendors as well as beer and wine offerings.
- Hands-On Art projects for kids of all ages, encouraging them to explore their creative energies at interactive art stations.
- Free art booths to student artists as a Community reinvestment by providing.

Why Become a Sponsor for ARToberFEST Galveston:

- Exposure to a diverse audience of art enthusiasts, local residents, and tourists.
- Brand visibility and recognition within the arts community and beyond.
- Support for the local arts scene and cultural tourism in the area.
- Showcase our commitment to creativity, innovation, and community engagement
- 8,000-10,000 visitors annually
- Previously ranked among the prestigious top 200 best art shows in Sunshine Artist Magazine.

ARToberFEST Galveston is a much-anticipated community event that welcomes over 100 juried artists from across the country, transforming Downtown Galveston into an enchanting outdoor art gallery. Each year, residents and visitors from across the country flock to ARToberFEST to discover that perfect piece of art for their homes and offices. In addition to the impressive array of art, visitors delight in live music, engaging kids' activities, a delectable variety of food, and a laidback atmosphere that promises plenty of FUN!



Partnership Opportunities

Masterpiece - \$5,000

- Prominent logo placement on event website homepage and promotional materials.
- Recognition as the Masterpiece Sponsor in all press releases and media coverage.
- Exclusive sponsor spotlight on our social media channels before and during the event.
- Prime location at the Festival for promotional activity or product display.
- Logo placement on Festival banners and signage throughout the venue.
- 10 tickets to the Festival
- 10 T-Shirts and Koozies

Artistic Luminary - \$2,500+

- Logo placement on event website and select promotional materials.
- Recognition as Artistic Luminary Sponsor in press releases and media coverage.
- Space at the Festival for promotional activity or product display.
- Logo placement on Festival banners and signage.
- 6 tickets to the Festival.
- 6 T-Shirts and Koozies

Creative Muse - \$1,000+

- Logo placement on event website and select promotional materials.
- Recognition as a Creative Muse Sponsor in press releases and media coverage.
- Booth space at the Festival for promotional activities or product displays.
- Logo placement on Festival banners and signage.
- 4 tickets to the Festival
- 4 T-Shirts and Koozies

Brushstroke - \$500

- Logo placement on event website and select promotional materials.
- Recognition as a Brushstroke Sponsor in press releases and media coverage.
- 2 T-Shirts and Koozies



Act Now! Sponsorship Deadline:

Friday September 22, 2023!

Putting on an event of this size would not be possible without the help of partners like you! By considering the ARToberFEST Galveston, you will be a part of a nationally recognized event while promoting your business at the same time. Please note which opportunities you would be interested in and submit this form to Sarah Piel at Spiegel@thegrand.com by September 22, 2023.

Contact Name: _____

Contact email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Sponsorship level (please check box)

- Masterpiece** \$5,000 and above
- Artistic Luminary** \$2,500
- Creative Muse** \$1,000
- Brushstroke** \$500

I (We) will sponsor a total of \$ _____

I (We) would like to make a general donation in the amount of \$ _____

Check enclosed (Please Make checks payable to ARToberFEST)

Please bill my credit card (complete billing information below)

Amex Discover Master Card Visa

Card # _____

Signature _____

Exp. Date _____

V-Code _____ (last three digits on the back of the card)

Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements (use back if necessary):

 I(We) wish to have our gift anonymous.

Please submit logos for recognition to spiel@thegrand.com .

Thank You for Supporting the Arts in Galveston County!