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The Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts Announces First AMFA Art Market Coming September 2025

Artist Applications Accepted Online Through February 27, 2025

February 14, 2025 (Little Rock, Ark.) – The first AMFA Art Market opens on **Thursday, September 4**, and runs through **Sunday, September 7, 2025**, at the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts (AMFA). Bringing together over 30 contemporary artists from across the country, the AMFA Art Market will feature a unique selection of paintings, works on paper, contemporary craft, jewelry and more.

The event will span throughout the Museum, allowing guests to meet each artist, learn more about their creative processes, and purchase their work. The featured artists will be a combination of invited and juried artists.

"AMFA's commitment to supporting artists and engaging the community through art is the central force behind this event," shares **Dr. Victoria Ramirez, AMFA's Executive Director**. "It offers an exciting opportunity for museum guests to make a direct connection with a variety of working artists and either start building or continue growing a personal art collection.

During the event, AMFA's Windgate Art School will also host a marketplace showcasing emerging Arkansas artists on Saturday, September 6, and Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Applications for both emerging Arkansas artists and featured artists are being accepted online through **February 27, 2025**, via <u>ZAPP</u>. Selected artists will be notified in March and announced in April.

The AMFA Art Market is open 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7. Circle Society and Corporate Partners enjoy an opening reception with the artists on Thursday, September 4, while AMFA members have access to a special preview on Friday, September 5.

For more information on the AMFA Art Market, artist applications, or membership opportunities, visit <u>arkmfa.org/amfa-art-market</u>.



The Windgate Art School is generously supported by the Windgate Foundation with additional support from Sherry Worthen in memory of George Worthen.

Windgate Art School's Reduced Tuition Program is supported by Michael Laughter. Reduced tuition is automatically applied to all classes through 2025.

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About the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts:

Founded in 1937, the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts is the largest cultural institution of its kind in the state, offering a unique blend of visual, educational, and performing arts experiences. AMFA is committed to featuring diverse media and artistic perspectives within its permanent collection as well as through rotating temporary exhibitions. AMFA's international collection spans eight centuries, with strengths in works on paper, and includes notable holdings by artists from Arkansas, the South, and across the United States and Europe.

With a vibrant mix of ideas, cultures, people, and places, the museum extends its commitment to artistic diversity through the innovative Windgate Art School, a dynamic children's theatre and performing arts program, and community-focused educational programs for all ages. Located in Little Rock's oldest urban green space, MacArthur Park, AMFA's landmark building and grounds are designed by Studio Gang and SCAPE, in collaboration with Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects.