



ART IN THE PEARL FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL, 2009

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The thirteenth annual Art In The Pearl® Fine Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Labor Day weekend, September 5th, 6th and 7th, in the beautiful and historic North Park Blocks of Portland, Oregon.

With a reputation as one of the nation's premier art festivals, Art In The Pearl features the jury-selected work of 130 artists from across the USA and Canada. Visitors to the festival can meet talented artists, view, and purchase their exceptional work in a variety of media including painting, woodworking, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, jewelry and many more.

Art In The Pearl draws over 75,000 people to Portland's North Park Blocks to enjoy art, music, dance, delicious food, hands-on activities for people of all ages, and live demonstrations by special guest artists.

The Art In The Pearl World Music Stage features American music and an exciting line-up of music and dance from all over the world. Drawing on the ethnic diversity of our city, local musicians perform the traditional music of their cultures. Visitors who come to shop for art will find themselves staying to relax under the Park Blocks' grand old shade trees, listening to music, and enjoying the wide variety of foods and beverages offered by our vendors.

Art In The Pearl is committed to "giving back" to our community. We will continue our now-traditional Collaborative Artists show, in which 20 pairs of prominent artists work together to create multi-media art pieces for sale. Half of the proceeds from this group show are donated to Sisters of the Road, a local charitable organization.

Art In The Pearl is also dedicated to arts education, and offers the Education Pavilion - where children and adults can learn about and make art and craft projects under the guidance of experienced artists and art educators. In the Demonstration area, professional artists and craftspeople show, explain, and discuss their creative processes.

Come and participate in this celebration of the arts! You can also help us produce this popular event by being part of our on-site team; information about volunteering can be found on our website at www.artinthepearl.com

Art In The Pearl will be held in the North Park Blocks, between West Burnside and NW Glisan on NW 8th Avenue in Portland, Oregon. The event is held on Labor Day Weekend, September 5th, 6th and 7th, 2009. Hours are from 10am - 6am on Saturday and Sunday, 10am - 5pm on Monday. Admission is FREE. For more information, including a list of artists participating, visit our website at www.artinthepearl.com.

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THE BASICS

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WHEN:

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2009

WHERE:

North Park Blocks, Portland, OR

NW 8th Avenue between West Burnside and NW
Glisan in the Pearl District

HOURS:

Saturday and Sunday, September 5th and 6th, 10am -
6pm
Monday September 7th, 10am - 5pm

ADMISSION:

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