

KICKOFF FESTIVAL

August 1 • 1-7 p.m.
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FREE!



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**YOUR MONTH-LONG
GUIDE TO THE ARTS!**

ART IN THE CITY

AUGUST 1
& ALL AUGUST LONG

2026 GUIDE

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HOW TO EXPERIENCE

ART IN THE CITY

ALL AUGUST LONG!

Save this booklet and use it to explore a month-long celebration of the arts in downtown Dayton! Featuring:

- live performances
- interactive demonstrations
- hands-on art projects
- a Juried Art Show
- take-home activities
- the Family Zone
- month-long installations
- and MORE!

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1 MONTH. 3 WAYS TO CELEBRATE.

Look for purple!

- 1 KICKOFF FESTIVAL**
Saturday, August 1 • 1-7 p.m.
Art in the City pop-ups, hands-on demos, music & more all around downtown!

Look for peach!

- 2 SPECIAL EXHIBITS, INSTALLATIONS, & POP-UPS**
Featured signature art experiences, some lasting for multiple days or weeks during August, including the Juried Art Show and Dance Pop-up.

Look for green!

- 3 ART EVENTS ALL MONTH LONG**
Arts-related events from downtown businesses & arts organizations taking place throughout the month in various downtown locations.



Explore Art in the City with a boozy beverage in hand!

NOON-MIDNIGHT • SEVEN DAYS A WEEK
DowntownDayton.org/DORA

DORA map:



DOWNTOWN DAYTON PARTNERSHIP

Use the App!!

Use the Destination Dayton App to find info about artists, locations, & times! Download at DestinationDayton.org/mobile

download here



PARKING & GETTING AROUND

Art in the City is best experienced on foot.

Reaching the next closest hot spot should take on average 2-6 minutes!



Meter parking is FREE on weekends!

All metered on-street spaces are **free on weekends** (and after 6 p.m. on weekdays), ALWAYS!

Need a parking garage or lot?

Use the EasyPark guide at DowntownDayton.org to find parking lots and garages – click on “Parking & Transportation,” or scan this QR code to get there quickly.



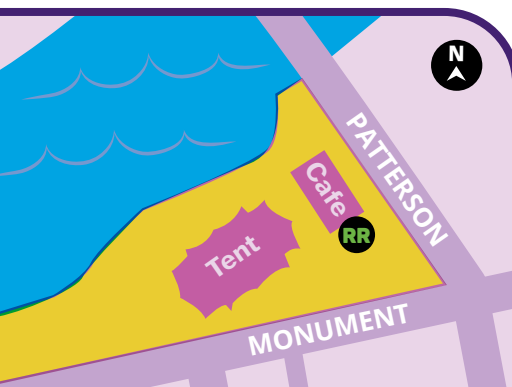
ART IN THE CITY

SATURDAY, AUG 1 • 1-7pm
KICKOFF FEST LOCATIONS

-  **Chalk Zone**
Watch chalk murals come to life on the sidewalks
-  **Future is Now X**
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-  **Light Lane Bike Sculptures**
Interactive sound and light installations, presented by PNC, created by LeMonde Studio
-  **Restrooms**  **Baby Changing**

 **Info Table** **DOWNTOWN DAYTON PARTNERSHIP**





RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

Journey through Dayton's Musical Legacy

1-7 p.m.
unless otherwise listed

Restrooms available



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Hands-on Activities

- ★ **Fabric of Dayton (grant winner!)**
A free, all-ages print lab where upcycled garments become custom wearable art and a vibrant community clothesline display, led by artist Joy Johnson.

- ★ **Interactive Mural (grant winner!)**
Add your mark to the 5' x 5' community mural created by artist Deja Fletch.

Coloring Pages

Explore the history of art in Dayton through coloring pages that trace the city's legendary musical journey — from blues and jazz to soul, funk, and R&B.

Rock Painting, 1-4 p.m.

Use paint and markers to design your own rock creation. A perfect activity for all ages.

Paint-a-Park, 1-4 p.m.

Borrow watercolor pencils and paper and create your own masterpiece inspired by the beauty of RiverScape MetroPark.

Entertainment

- **Face Painting** by Rebel Saints

- **Otherworldly Productions** Aerial Arts, 1-4 p.m.

Music Schedule

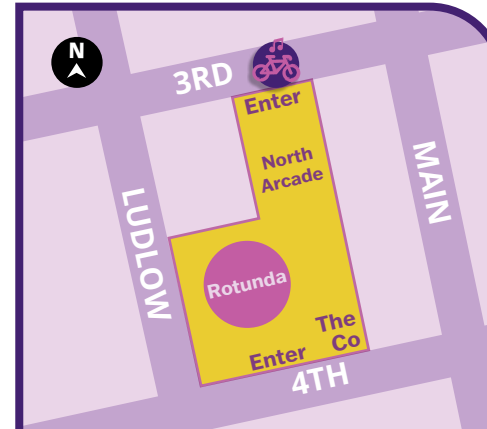
under the Pavilion tent

- 1-2 p.m., **The Primetime Blues Band**
- 2:15-3 p.m., **Edde Osborne**
- 3:30-4:30 p.m., **93Seven Band**
- 4:45-5:30 p.m., play **Music Bingo**
- 6-7 p.m., **Moonstone**

Food & Drink

RiverScape Café, 1-9 p.m., flatbreads, sides, desserts, and refreshments

Kona Ice, shaved tropical ice truck



DAYTON ARCADE

1-7 p.m.
unless otherwise listed

Restrooms available



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Hands-on Activities

in the Rotunda

- ★ **Dreaming in Dayton (grant winner!)**
Join the Dayton Sewing Collaborative in creating pouches, pendants, bracelets, and dream catchers with mandala themes.

- ★ **Instrument Petting Zoo (grant winner!), 1-4 p.m.**
Try playing various instruments, with tips and help from the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance.

- ★ **Patch Lab (grant winner!)**
Screen print patches with the Dayton Society of Artists.

- ★ **Artist Trading Card Exchange (grant winner!)**
Create your own personal trading card, then keep it or trade it with other participants.

TDS (Tornadic Debris Signature)

Join artist Leesa Haapapuro in needle felting wool. Artwork from the series will be on display through August 31.

Juried Art Show

In the North Arcade Gallery

August 1-15 - View the Juried Art Show in the North Arcade Gallery and vote for your favorite piece! Online voting at www.bit.ly/4vMrKu5 and **DowntownDayton.org**. Supported by Dayton Society of Artists and Dayton Daily News.

Art Show Vendor Hall

North Arcade Concourse

Love what you see at the Juried Art Show? Meet the artists behind the work—and take home an original piece from the Art Show Vendor Hall.

Music

- **Dayton Opera**, 3 and 4 p.m.

- **Dayton Performing Arts Alliance String Quartet**, 5 and 6 p.m.

Art Exhibitions and Community Workshop

at The Contemporary Dayton

Community Workshop with Niki Johnson, 1-3 p.m., The Lewis Room at The HUB

Join artist Niki Johnson for a hands-on community collage workshop where participants will create elements for a forthcoming public artwork while exploring identity, civic engagement, and the shared work of democracy. Designed for teens and adults, the workshop invites participants to reflect on how individual voices help shape stronger communities.

Exhibits:

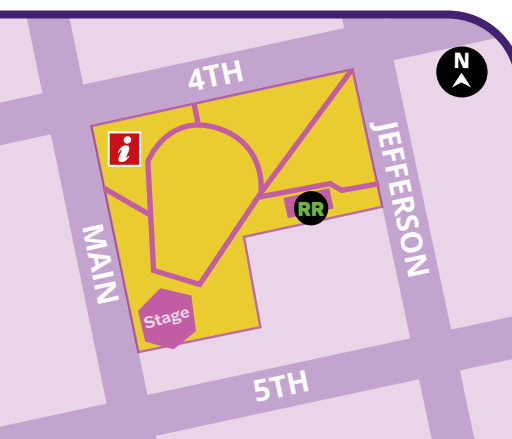
- Niki Johnson: Pillars of Democracy, through August 15
- Threads of History: Quilts by Carolyn Mazloomi, through September 12



LeMonde Light Lane

August 1-31, outside of the North Arcade on Third Street

An interactive public art installation combining stationary bicycles, projection mapping, lighting, and sound to create a human-powered immersive experience that encourages play, sustainability, and community interaction. Four bicycles will be featured during this month-long exhibit! Light Lane is sponsored by PNC.



LEVITT PAVILION

1-7 p.m.
unless otherwise listed

Restrooms available

Hands-on Activities

Paint + Print = Play™, with Karla Creager
Discover the joy of Gelli printing through color, texture, and creative play. Watch live demonstrations, explore layered prints, and create a simple art keepsake to take home.

Paws & Play: Make n' Take Doggie Crafts, with HALO K9

Unleash your creativity by making doggie art or a braided rope toy, perfect for your dog or a shelter dog in need!

Community Musical Abstraction, with SDorje-Chang Designs

Help create a collaborative artwork with paint, pastels, and other expressive materials as music sets the mood.

Inspired By Dayton Empowered By Us: AI Motto Poster Lab, with Elexus

Live Landscape Painting, with Abigail Onley

Live Painting & Sketching, with Cherelle Smith

Live Watercolor Painting Demo & Bracelet Making, with Rachel Allen

Gem Bottle Necklace Craft, with Beauty by Dani

Body Art

- **Face Painting** by Fairy Kind, 1-4:30 p.m.

- **Henna** by Nandini Creations, 1-6 p.m.

Performers

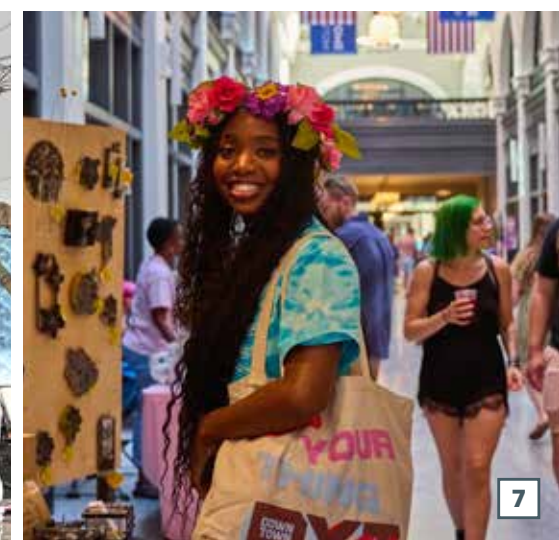
- **Dan the Magician**, 1-2 p.m.
- **Crazy Craig the Juggler**, 1-3 p.m.
- **The Bubble Woman with Bubble Trouble** 1-7 p.m.
- **Rosie Revolution Hula Hoop Workshop**
- **Slam the Clown**, 2-4 p.m.
- **Ohio Sports Academy Aerobatics Aerial Arts**, 2-5 p.m.
- **Troupe Roja Middle Eastern Dance**, 3-5 p.m.

Rock Fest with Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys

Free, on the main stage

- 5:30 p.m. **The Boxcar Suite**
- 6:45 p.m. **Spoils**
- 8 p.m. **Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys**

vote:



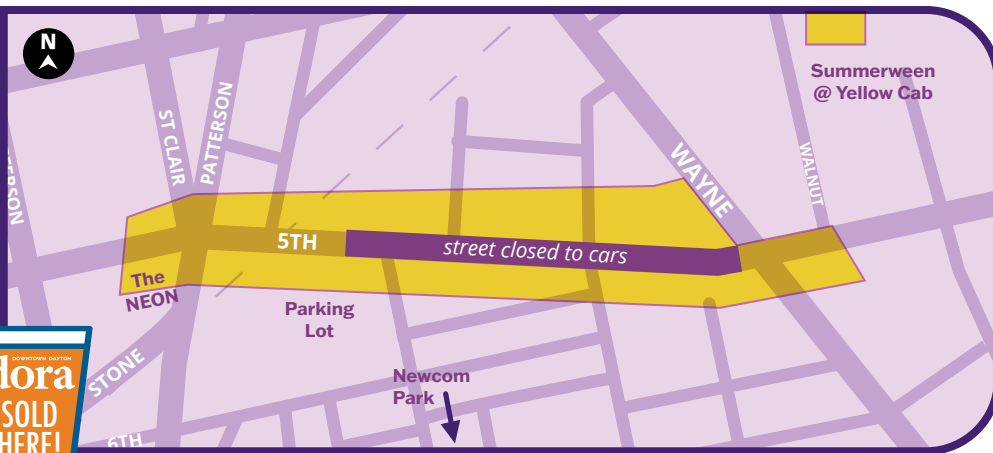
OREGON DISTRICT

1-7 p.m.
unless otherwise listed

Out on 5th - street closed to car traffic



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Hands-on Activities

Chinese Calligraphy, with Ping Yang
Try your hand at writing Chinese characters using a brush, and get your name and zodiac sign painted to take home.

Live Sculpting Demonstration, with Jenny Carine
Watch the creation of an original clay and mixed media sculpture. Ask questions, see the various techniques and tools used, and observe live sculpting firsthand.

Tattoo Demo, with Josh Julio
Watch a tattoo demo on synthetic skin.

Window Painting, with Sam Turner
Watch artwork come to life on an Oregon District business's window.

Art Vendors

Throughout the Oregon District

Oregon District Car Show

11 a.m.-7 p.m., E. Fifth Street

Explore vintage, classic, custom, and specialty cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

Live Music Bar Crawl

Starting at noon, catch these bands as you move through the Oregon District!

12-1 p.m. at Dublin Pub

Jameson's Folly / Danny Voris

2-3 p.m. at Trolley Stop

Bettina / Neil Florck

4-5 p.m. at Next Door

Dan Rivers Heckerman / Ready Shet Go

6-7 p.m. Blind Bob's

The Fotons

8-9 p.m. at Oregon Express

RPG and the Kentucky Tumbleweeds / Berachah Valley

Other Features

THE NEON's **Annual Patio Poster Sale**, 1-3 p.m.

Dayton Celebration Chorus, 1 p.m., Newcom Park gazebo

Summerween

Clash Anniversary Party

Yellow Cab Tavern, 6 p.m.-1 a.m., \$10 Music, spooky car show with spooky babes, vendors, artists, fire acts, burlesque, dark alternative dance party.



K12 GALLERY & TEJAS

341 S. Jefferson St.

Inner and Outer Space - Fiber Mural Project

Experience the joy of creating on a grand scale with artist Sarah Brashere as she leads the community in making a **1,000-square-foot fiber mural**—an incredible collaborative artwork that will be on display for more than six months.

While you're there, stop by K12/TEJAS for **open-house tours** throughout the day. Explore the studios, discover where the art happens, and **shop original work** in the Local Artist Nook.



★ = Art in the City Grant Winner

THROUGHOUT DOWNTOWN

August 1 • 1-7 p.m. unless otherwise listed

Chalk Blocks

1-7 p.m.
Watch sidewalk chalk murals come to life in TWO Chalk Block zones!

Location 1

outside of
The Dayton Convention Center
22 E. Fifth St.

Location 2

outside of
The Greater Dayton LGBT Center
136 N. St. Clair St.

LGBT Center Pop Up Art Gallery

Also, check out the indoor art gallery featuring Q+ artists!

Roving Entertainment

Dead Man's Rocky

Roving, interactive performances from The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Charna's Media Lab

What does Art in the City mean to you? Add your voice to this roving podcast.

★ FUTURE IS NOW X Group Exhibition

Grant winner!

August 1, 12 p.m.-2:30 a.m.

TWO locations! 118 N. Jefferson St. and 40 N. Ludlow St. (see map, pg 4)

Live art, DJs, immersive installations, 100+ artists, panels

At 118 N. Jefferson St.: 12-9 p.m.

DJs and live painting.

Featured Artist: CERN

5 p.m. - The Landscape of Urban Contemporary Art with Al Díaz

8 p.m. - Dayton Dance Initiative presents *Parola*

At 40 N. Ludlow St.:

7 p.m.-2:30 a.m.

DJs and live painting

See page 10 for more from Future is Now X through August 7!



Fire Blocks

Dine, drink and shop along Third Street, between Jefferson and S. St. Clair streets. A great midway point to get a DORA beverage!

Music Schedule

outside of Joui Wine, 117 E. Third St.

12 p.m., **Acoustic Junior**

2 p.m., **KimL**

4 p.m., **UD New Horizons Jazz Combo**

6 p.m., **The Lavandulas**

St. Clair Shops

Shop the retail stores along S. St. Clair Street and grab a snack!

FIRE BLOCKS & ST. CLAIR



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2 SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS, INSTALLATIONS, & POP-UPS

Need more than one day of art? Check out these featured signature art experiences throughout August.

★ = Art in the City Grant Winner



★ **• Art in the City Dance Pop-Up & Greeting Card Workshop**
Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
at the Dayton Metro Library Main Library
 Watch local artists perform a variety of dance, including ballet, contemporary, hip-hop, traditional, and more! Plus, check out the grant-winning **Digital Greeting Card Workshop from the African American Visual Artists Guild** - create a digital card to print and take home!

★ **• Exhibits at The Contemporary Dayton**
Niki Johnson: Pillars of Democracy, through Aug 15
 Niki Johnson: Pillars of Democracy presents four large-scale mixed-media portraits that reimagine the ideals of liberty, justice, freedom, and progress through layered collage.
Threads of History: Quilts by Carolyn Mazloomi, through Sept 12
 A landmark exhibition of 20 quilts by acclaimed artist, historian, and curator Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi, whose powerful black-and-white works honor the lives and legacies of Black freedom fighters.



★ **• FUTURE IS NOW X Group Exhibition**
 July 31-August 7 • 118 N. Jefferson St. and 40 N. Ludlow St.
 Live art, DJs, immersive installations, 100+ artists, panels

Future Is Now X Museum presents its inaugural Group Exhibition, an eight-day multimedia event uniting 154 visual artists, live musicians, DJ performers, and digital innovators in downtown Dayton. The exhibition is curator Kimyon Huggins' first Dayton production since leaving for New York City in 1998.

FRI JULY 31	SAT AUG 1	SUN AUG 2	FRI AUG 7
118 N. JEFFERSON ST. 12PM - 9PM FEATURED ARTIST CERN DJS JACQUELINE FARRARA / OCG / +SPECIAL GUESTS PAINTERS TBA 7PM PANEL IGNITE SALON - INSPIRATION IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA 40 N. LUDLOW ST. 7PM - 2:30AM DJS MAX WATTS (LIVE PA) / 5TR8TCH / PLURAL (LIVE PA) SUGAR / FATTY LUMPKIN BOS'N / +SPECIAL GUESTS	118 N. JEFFERSON ST. 12PM - 9PM FEATURED ARTIST CERN DJS JACQUELINE FARRARA / SUGAR / +SPECIAL GUESTS PAINTERS TBA 5PM PANEL AL DIAZ - THE LANDSCAPE OF URBAN CONTEMPORARY ART 8PM PERFORMANCE DAYTON DANCE INITIATIVE PRESENTS PAROLA 40 N. LUDLOW ST. 7PM - 2:30AM DJS FBK (LIVE PA) / LEFTSIDE MAX WATTS / SALAR ANSARI RECHULSKI / KIMYON333	118 N. JEFFERSON ST. 12PM - 10:09PM FEATURED ARTIST TBA DJS J(REDACTED) BARRY LEONHARD +SPECIAL GUESTS PAINTERS AL DIAZ + MORE TBA 4PM - 10PM LIVESTREAM DJS J(REDACTED) / BARRY LEONHARD / OCG KIMYON333	118 N. JEFFERSON ST. 4PM - 10PM DJS KIMYON333 / OCG GUNNER / TANKER.EDU MORE INFO info@futureisnowx.com futureisnowx.com @futureisnowx PRESENTED BY Future Is Now X No Agenda Ltd

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★ **• Juried Art Show**
Aug 1-15, see page 7
In the North Arcade Gallery

Vote for your favorite piece!
 See page 7 for details. Juried by
 Dayton Society of Artists.



★ **• Light Lane sculptures**
Aug 1-31, see page 7
outside of the North Arcade on Third Street

An interactive public
 art installation.
 Sponsored by PNC.



★ **• TDS installation**
Aug 1-31, see page 7

A community-assited piece
 exploring climate change, led by
 Leesa Haapapuro.

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ART EVENTS ALL AUGUST LONG

Art in the City's celebration of downtown's visual and performing arts continues throughout the month of August.



ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR

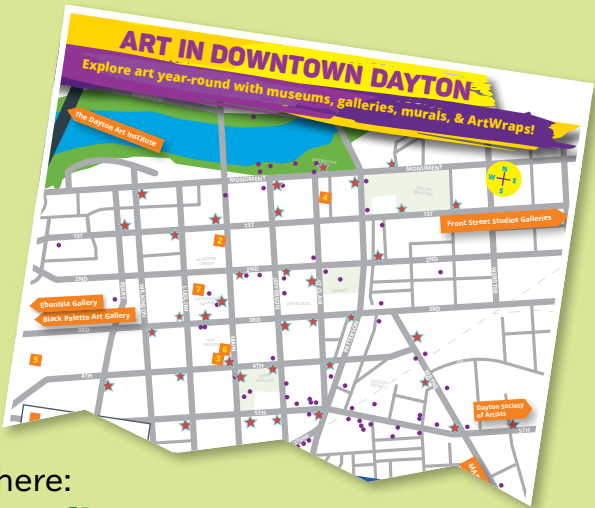
Scan here or visit DowntownDayton.org and navigate to the Art in the City page to view a calendar of arts-related events planned throughout the month. Be sure to support our great arts organizations and others who plan arts events in our city. Mark your calendar now and plan to experience the arts all month long! More events will be added continually, so check back often.



DOWNTOWN GALLERY MAP

Scan here to download a map of all downtown art galleries that you can visit any time of the year! Or pick up a printed copy at the Downtown Dayton Partnership Info Table on August 1 at the Levitt Pavilion.

Find an interactive gallery map and listing here:
Downtowndayton.org/things-to-do/arts-culture





HUNGRY?

Want a leisurely brunch before diving into all this art? Looking for that perfect place to get a drink and dinner after the event?

We've put together a list and map of downtown dining locations that is easy to read on your phone. Find your new favorite bar, restaurant, or cafe!



Scan here, or visit DowntownDayton.org.



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