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Chalk Walk 2024

Fort Wayne's most creative citizens contribute to the largest community art project in the region at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art

May 1, 2024 (Fort Wayne, IN) – The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is pleased to announce Chalk Walk 2024 from July 13-14 during the Three Rivers Festival. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art Chalk Walk has been a trademark event held on Main Street in downtown Fort Wayne since 2000.

This family-friendly event is based on an Italian tradition of street painting that dates to the 16th century, known as i madonnari (street painters). Using pastels, artists of varying levels of experience may choose to reproduce existing artworks or create their own in their designated square. The event typically draws 40,000 people to see the spectacle unfold. FWMoA draws the city's most creative citizens together to contribute to the largest community art project in the region, attracting families, friends, and supporters of a vibrant cultural life in Fort Wayne. Registration opened April 9, 2024 and there are still squares available at fwmoa.org/event/chalkwalk2024/.

Prizes will be awarded to the best artwork in each category selected by FWMoA judges. 2024 Award Categories include:

- Best Use of a Street/Sidewalk Blemish
- Trompe l'oeil
- Favorite Art Genre (Pop, Surrealism, Impressionism, Cubism, etc.)
- Olympic Glory
- Fashion Forward
- Summer Fun
- Hoosier Art Salon
- People's Choice
- Best Square by an Artist Under 12

Chalk Walk 2024 at FWMoA is sponsored by Partners 1st Federal Credit Union. Tee shirts for the 2024 event, featuring artwork from one of the 2023 chalk artists, will be available for purchase.

The event is free and open to the public. General admission to see exhibitions in the museum is free for FWMoA members, \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors 65+, and \$25 for families. General admission is free for everyone on Thursdays 5-8pm. Veterans, active military personnel, and their families receive free general admission. FWMoA gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10-6pm, Thursdays 10-8pm, and Sundays 12-5pm.

About the Fort Wayne Museum of Art:

Beginning with art classes in 1888 given by J. Ottis Adams and later William Forsyth, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art is now the third largest art museum in Indiana. Regularly exhibiting regional and nationally acclaimed artists, the FWMoA also boasts a collection of 7,700 objects of American and international art from the 18th century to today. The Museum is committed to the collection, preservation, presentation, and interpretation of American and related art to engage broad and diverse audiences throughout the community and region and

add value to their lives. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. This activity made possible, in part, with support from the InDiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

For more information, visit www.fwmoa.org.

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