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Chalk Walk 2025

presented by Partner's 1st Federal Credit Union

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

May 22, 2025 (Fort Wayne, IN) – The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is pleased to announce Chalk Walk 2025 presented by Partner's 1st Federal Credit Union from July 12-13. 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 16, 2025, and sold out but any unclaimed squares will be available for sale on Saturday July 12 at 12:01 pm.

Prizes will be awarded to the best artwork in each category selected by FWMoA judges. 2025 Award Categories include:

- Best Use of a Street/Sidewalk Blemish
- Trompe l'oeil
- Favorite Art Genre (Pop, Surrealism, Impressionism, Cubism, etc.)
- Main Street Motors
- 25 for 2025
- Dino Walk
- Fantasy Fiction
- Best Square by an Artist Under 12
- People's Choice (*voting for People's Choice begins at 1pm on Saturday July 12 and closes at 3pm on Sunday July 13.*)

Chalk Walk 2025 at FWMoA is sponsored by Partners 1st Federal Credit Union. Tee shirts for the 2025 event, featuring artwork from one of the 2024 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.

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