

ARTS NEWS

ArtFest calls for artists



COURTESY PHOTO

The crowd at last years ArtFest in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

ArtFest Fort Myers, the 8th annual downtown Fort Myers outdoor-juried fine art festival, announced a "call for artists". The juried art show showcases the work of 200 fine artists in a celebration of "excellence in art" and will be held Feb. 2 and 3.

All artwork must be created solely by the displaying artists. Entries are accepted in 15 categories: Ceramics, Digital, Drawing, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Metal, Mixed Media 2-D, Mixed Media 3-D, Painting-Watercolor, Painting-Oil/Acrylic, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture and Wood.

The application deadline is Sept. 17.

Artists are selected to participate through a jury rating of artistic conception, original-

ity and workmanship. Cash prizes totaling \$5,000 will be awarded at the festival.

ArtFest Fort Myers also celebrates art in the community with:

- Kids @ Art, an interactive arts/crafts area for children, plus a "children only" shopping gallery
- Art Under 20, an exhibition and competition for Lee County high school students, offering cash awards (sponsored by Oswald, Trippe and Company, Inc. and Zurich)

For an Artist Application, contact ArtFest Fort Myers at 239-768-3602, email info@artfestfortmyers.com or visit the Web site at www.artfestfortmyers.com. ■

"Art Royale" plans moving ahead

"Art Royale: The Games People Play" extends the deadline to Thursday, July 5, at 3 p.m. for artists who wish to submit unique and original proposals for this year's event.

The 5th annual Art Royale, the signature fundraising event for the Alliance for the Arts will be held Saturday, Nov. 17. This year's theme invites the artist to use unique creative vision to take audiences to the edge of their artistic comfort fusing various techniques to help create this one of a kind event. Organizers seek individual and collaborative artists including but not limited to performance, design, painting, music, instrumental and voice, fashion, photography, technology, videography, digital, poetry, sculpture, theatre, dance, culinary, and multimedia. Guidelines are online at www.artroyale2007.com and an informative video is online at www.artinlee.org



presenting sponsors was Chico's Charities. Spokesman Cole Peacock said, "It's so terrific to be a part of making art more accessible in this community. We want to increase people's awareness of how much creativity there is in our area; that's why we were eager to become a presenting sponsor of Art Royale." Three sponsors who have made early commitments by press time include Oswald Trippe and Co, LCEC and Gora McGahey Associates. For more information on sponsorships, please contact the Alliance for the Arts.

The Alliance for the Arts galleries are open from 9 to 5 Monday through Friday and from 10 to 3 on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard. Visit www.artinlee.org for more details of all the excitement our community has to offer. ■



Beckman

Beckman says businesses and individuals still have opportunities to sponsor this one of a kind fundraising event. One of last year's

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