## The ART of COMMUNITIES

# **SOUTHLAKE:** Art in the Square

T ISN'T TOO OFTEN THAT A PLATE OF PASTA GETS TRADED FOR A PAINTING, BUT THAT'S PRETTY MUCH THE ORIGIN STORY FOR SOUTHLAKE'S FREE ART IN THE SQUARE, KICKING OFF ITS 21ST EDITION FROM APRIL 24 TO 26.

"The success story for Art in the Square began in 2000 when the Southlake Women's Club voted to replace their annual spaghetti dinner with a juried fine arts festival. Robin Snyder, the fundraising chair and artist, along with a committee laid the foundation for Art in the Square as it is today," said Sherri Whitt, marketing/publicity chair. "Art in the Square recently received the prestigious honor of being ranked the No. 1 fine arts festival in the nation by Art Fair SourceBook. The festival has grown since 2000 but still offers visitors the opportunity to interact with 250 renowned, aspiring high school and emerging artists, entertainment on two stages and children's activities."

Social media enthusiasts will love the new, family-friendly A-MAZING tent presented by Art in the Square and Apex Arts League. Filled with photo-ops aplenty, the haven for selfies and future profile pics features creative ways to interact with iconic, classic works of art. It's new additions such as this that keep the festival fresh and fun, a result of the legion of volunteers, talented artists and performers, generous sponsors and a supportive local community all working together.

In addition to providing exposure to artists, the annual event serves as an incredible fundraiser that benefits women, children and families in Northeast Tarrant County with more than \$3 million raised and distributed to 71 charities since 2000.

Art in the Square also serves as an introduction to the community for many.

"It brings new people to Southlake to experience the ambiance, friendliness of the city and Southlake Town Square," said Whitt. "Hopefully as they exit the event they think, wow I want to come back to Southlake."





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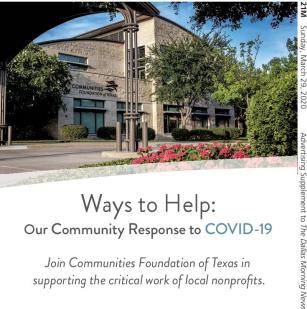
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Your donation will support organizations working with people and communities most affected by COVID-19, such as: individuals and families needing access to food, housing, healthcare, and basic needs; vulnerable populations including seniors and those experiencing homelessness; and supplementing lost wages and/or housing costs.

### Support Our Entire North Texas Community

All North Texas nonprofits are impacted by COVID-19 and need our help regardless of if they are on the front lines. Please continue or increase direct support for these key partners - especially those having to cancel programs, performances, events and fundraisers.

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