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CARMEL ON CANVAS: PLEIN AIR EVENT SEPT 18-20

CARMEL, IN: Watch art created before your very eyes at the Second Annual Carmel on Canvas plein air event - an open-air painting exhibition and competition on the sidewalks throughout the Carmel Arts & Design District, one of only five Indiana Cultural Districts. The event, which is free to spectators, runs Friday-to-Sunday, Sept. 18-20.

"Paint Outs continue to be very popular as a resurgence in the arts is being seen in many communities such as Carmel. We are thrilled to be able to make this event available to the public, especially to families with small young children who we hope are inspired to pick up their own brushes to create their own expressions of the beautiful scenes in our Arts & Design District," said Nancy Heck, Director of Community Relations and Economic Development for the City of Carmel.

Artists ranging from professionals to amateurs, including a teen division, will be painting at a variety of locations all day Friday and Saturday. The public is invited to come to the district and watch the painters set up their easels and paint their chosen subjects. Many professional artists will paint several works during the day, completing their work in 2-3 hours. Saturday is also the day for children to come to The District and enjoy some hands-on painting experiences of their own.

Art works created on Friday and Saturday will be judged by award-winning artist Anne Blair Brown, an artist based in Nashville, TN. The actual judging will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday and artists will be vying for prizes that include \$5,000 for the winner, \$3,000 for second place and \$1,500 for third.

Join Mayor Jim Brainard at 7 p.m. as he hands out the awards at a special event tent located along Artists' Lane (also known as 2nd Avenue NW) between

Scotty's Brew House and the Monon Trail. At this tent, the paintings will be available for viewing and for sale.

Artists will be able to register beginning at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday morning at Inspire Studio & Gallery, 111 West Main Street, Suite 120, Carmel, IN 46032.

Here is a schedule of events. All events are open to the public.

Friday, Sept. 18

- Artists register and paint throughout the day in the District. Public is encouraged to watch the artists create their work. Musicians will be playing throughout the District.

Saturday, Sept. 19

- ALL DAY - Artists register and paint throughout the day in the District. Public is encouraged to watch the artists create their work. Musicians will be playing throughout the District.

- Children's Activities - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. along Artists' Lane (also known as 2nd Ave NW by Scotty's). Event volunteers will assist children ages 5-12 in creating a piece of art to take home.

- Teen Activities - 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. Along Artists' Lane. Teens ages 13-18 can participate in plein air painting workshop using acrylic paint with Becky Wentworth an artist in Broad Ripple.

- 5 p.m. - Artists begin displaying paintings in Reception Tent on Artists' Lane. These will be available for viewing and sale.

- 5 - 8 p.m. - Artists' reception at tent along Artists' Lane

- 6 - 7 p.m. - Judging takes place by award winning oil painter Anne Blair Brown, from Nashville, TN.

- 7 p.m. - Award announcement and presentation of honors

Sunday, Sept. 20

- Quick Paint begins with the blast of a horn at noon, signaling a 90-minute period to paint a new work for judging and sale.

- 2 p.m. - Judging and awards ceremony along Artists' Lane.

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The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 100 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques, and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

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