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### **Fifth Annual Art Off Pike Street Arts Fair comes to Covington Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

In its fifth year running, Art Off Pike, Covington's Annual Street Arts Fair, brings together over 80 regional artists whose original works will be on display 11am to 5pm on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> in the Arts District on Pike and West Seventh Streets between Madison and Russell Streets. Each artist will be given a 12x12 foot space on the street to display their work and the submissions this year are very diverse, from sculpture and jewelry to paintings and more. Some artists will be completing works on site and others will be manning their stations and looking forward to chat with visitors. Pricing of art varies but the range spans from \$10 to \$400. This year's festival is part of Covington's Full Spectrum, a month-long celebration of the Arts that offers eight different events throughout the month of October.

Art Off Pike is a family friendly event. The children will be invited to take part in 'Picasso's Playground', an exciting kid's cornucopia of art activities hosted by ten non-profit organizations such as Beringer Crawford, Carnegie, Kenton County library, Carnegie Visual & Performing Center for the Arts and more. Children will be invited to paint, sculpt, and create a medley of crafts at various stations.

Artworks and Covington Catholic art teacher Brian Harmon are hosting an art exhibition to display works created by Northern Kentucky middle and high school students in the arcade that joins the two main streets of the festival. Art on display will include works done by a variety of schools in Northern Kentucky and awards will be given for first, second, third and honorable mention places.

Musicians will be scattered throughout the event and will plan solo, duo and trio performances that include Fiddler Amos Hopkins, Flamenco performer Nick Tuttle, Acoustic Rock from Lost in Holland, French Jazz by Passage and more.

Businesses and some non-profit organizations that are supportive of the Arts will also be taking some booth space at the event, including Covington Arts Merchants, NKY Pride, Madison Bridal, and others. Visitors will also be invited to sample wines from local Kentucky wineries.

Local businesses will be also be open and ready to welcome visitors.

The event promises a family friendly day of art and creativity from all angles. Local restaurants such as AmerAsia, Rima's Diner, Caribbean Café and others will be open to host hungry visitors and artists. The Artisans Enterprise Center will also be open for a special viewing of curator Dan Brown's exhibition 'Narrative Figuration' which displays works by artists Rob Anderson, James Oberschlake and Dan O'Connor, all Northern Kentucky residents.

The Art Off Pike Festival was conceived of by Joan Lee and the Westside Action Coalition of Covington along with Jena St. John of the Center for Great Neighborhoods five years ago in an efforts to celebrate the arts in Covington. The event has grown steadily over the years and this year sees a higher turnout of artists than ever before. Funding from LISC, place matters, LIFT, Duke Energy and the City of Covington have made this year's event possible. The Art off Pike Committee Chair Ron Einhaus and other members have been hard at work organizing the event.

To learn more about Art Off Pike, please visit [www.covingtonarts.com/fullspectrum](http://www.covingtonarts.com/fullspectrum)