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**Destination Art: The Ann Arbor Art Fairs**

***A Town Transformed for the Love of Art***

On July 21 – 24 one of America's greatest college towns, Ann Arbor, home to the University of Michigan, transforms itself into one massive outdoor art gallery - the ANN ARBOR ART FAIRS, hosting some 1,000 artists and over a half million visitors from across the world.

Unique among art fairs across the country the Ann Arbor Art Fairs is actually four art fairs in one, taking place simultaneously throughout the city. The overall effect is of an exotic bazaar, featuring original art work, lively street corner and stage entertainment of every kind, artists' demonstrations, children's activities as well as a variety of restaurants and shops featuring great sales, not to mention amazing people watching!

There is a definite urban vibe to the Ann Arbor Art Fair, with a great new idea around every corner – yet it's still small town friendly – making this art experience like no other. It's a must do for artists as well as art fair lovers. And with U of M graduates living and working across the country, the Ann Arbor Art Fair is known as the meeting place for many a college and family reunion.

Each of the four art fairs that make up of the Ann Arbor Art Fairs is independently juried and each art fair has its own character and, in total, the event is known for showcasing the most prominent artists and promising up - and - comers in the world of fine arts and crafts.

**The four independent art fairs that make up the Ann Arbor Art Fairs are:**

The **Ann Arbor Street Art Fair** located in the streets surrounding Burton Carillon Tower at North University, the **State Street Area Art Fair** located in the center of the action, the **Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair** with two locations on State Street and Main Street and the **South University Area Art Fair** filling out the entire South University area.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 through Friday, July 23 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 24. For visitor information call 1-800-888-9487 or visit [www.artfair.visitannarbor.org](http://www.artfair.visitannarbor.org).