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Kendall Whittier Art Festival returns to Certified Cultural District

TULSA – Back and better than ever, the Kendall Whittier Art Festival showcases local artists and musicians while hosting food trucks and a free Kids Zone all along Admiral Boulevard on April 11-13.

The festivities kick off with the second Thursday Art Walk in Kendall Whittier on April 11. The Art Walk is a monthly event where businesses in Whittier Square stay open late and host local artists, art displays and sponsor other activities.

Then on Friday evening and all day on Saturday, artists take over for a two-day street festival. The festival runs from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday along Admiral Boulevard near Lewis Avenue. The event is free and open to the public.

The Kendall Whittier Art Festival is made possible by presenting sponsor Fowler Automotive.

Nearly 50 local artists will be in attendance, displaying and selling their work in booths along the street and inside businesses in a pop up shop. Vendors bring a wide range of wares, from paintings and pottery to body care and jewelry to leather and paper goods.

The stage in the Whittier Square Parking Lot will feature musicians in free street concerts. Musicians include Jared Tyler, Steve Liddell, Nightingale, Adrienne Gilley, Desi and Cody, Chloe Johns, Damion Shade, Eric Himan and headliner Casii Stephan and the Midnight Sun. For a full schedule, go to visitKendallWhittier.com.

A free kids zone includes bounce houses and children's art activities – all at no charge for Art Festival attendees. The Kids Zone will be located in the parking lot.

Food trucks will line the streets of the festival as well, offering a variety of tasting creations.

In addition to the Art Festival, businesses in the Square are hosting events and activities as well.

On Thursday night's Art Walk, the Tulsa Girls Art School, 2202 E. Admiral Blvd., is opening the 2019 Spring Art Show: The Faces of Tulsa Girls Art School from 5:30-8 p.m.

That same night, Circle Cinema, 8 S. Lewis Ave., is opening the J.J. Cale photo exhibit, which will run in the gallery through May 5. The event itself will run from 6-8 p.m. and includes photography from OKPOP's archive, a J.J. Cale music set and cash bar.

Also during the Art Walk, Flash Flood Print Studios at 2421 E. Admiral Blvd., will be releasing its first print in the 2019 Print Series. The print is by West of Death and is a two-color screen print in an edition of 25, signed by the artist.

On the other end of the street at Heirloom Rustic Ales, 2113 E. Admiral Blvd., will host Think & Drink: Clean Energy – What's New Since February from 6-30-8 p.m. April 11 along with STEMcell Science Shop, which is located at 2415 E. Admiral Blvd.

On Saturday, Flash Flood will host its Third Annual Open House and Print Sale, which is the only chance each year for the general public to buy from the archive of prints. Additionally, artwork, shirts and screen-printed cards will be available.

Also Saturday, 473 – a new patio bar at 2224 E. Admiral Blvd. – is hosting its grand opening party.

During the festival, Admiral Boulevard will be closed from Lewis west to Zunis Avenue and east to about halfway to Atlanta Avenue. The intersection of Lewis and Admiral will remain open. Admiral Boulevard will be reopened by midnight following the festival.

This isn't the first Art Festival to be held in Kendall Whittier. In 2015, Kendall Whittier Main Street launched an inaugural one-day art festival. After a three-year hiatus, the organization is bringing it back with a larger, two-day festival. The Art Festival is replacing the spring Food Truck Festival.

Kendall Whittier Main Street is a nonprofit organization that inspires the ongoing revitalization and growth of a historic and cultural neighborhood in Tulsa, striving to transform it back to a thriving, walkable commercial district. Kendall Whittier is a Certified Cultural District.

For more information about the Kendall Whittier Art Festival or Kendall Whittier Main Street, call Jessica Jackson at 918-633-1934 or email info@visitkendallwhittier.com.

Photo Cutline

Vendors at the 2015 Kendall Whittier Art Festival.