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3RD ANNUAL WHEELING ARTS FEST SET FOR JUNE 22; APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Wheeling, WV – In preparation for the 3rd annual Wheeling Arts Fest, the City of Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission issued a call for entries in mid-January. A recent surge in submissions prompted the Commission to extend the deadline by one month to Monday, April 15, 2013.

This year's event promises monetary prizes for Best in Show, as well as first and second runners-up, in the visual arts category – awarding \$250, \$150, and \$100, respectively. Additionally, the Arts Fest will feature historical performances and informative installations on the history of Wheeling as part of West Virginia's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Applications are available for download at wheelingartsfest.com/apply. Performer and exhibitor entries can be submitted directly to the Commission for consideration. In late April, a jury will select which applicants will be invited to represent the visual and performing arts categories at the festival.

Wheeling Arts Fest is set for Saturday, June 22, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The event is free to attend and open to the public.

For more information, contact Erika Donaghy, Commission Chair, at 304-280-2616.

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About Wheeling Arts Fest: Now in its third year, Wheeling Arts Fest features live music, visual arts exhibits, hands-on activities, theatrical, dance and literary performances, culinary demonstrations, and historical arts, as well as unique crafts and artwork to purchase. Events are held on and around West Virginia Northern Community College on the Square, with additional exhibits at West Virginia Independence Hall and the Ohio County Public Library.



About the City of Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission: The mission of the Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission is to promote and develop artistic and cultural activities and initiatives that stimulate economic development and advance the quality of life and vibrancy of the greater Wheeling area. The City of Wheeling is a West Virginia Certified Arts Community.