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Majestic May Brings Fine Art, Music & Fireman's Fundraiser Feast to Fayetteville



“A busy, non-stop arts and music month is the best way to describe the upcoming month of May. And when you add the annual Fireman’s Fundraiser for the Volunteer Fire Department, you have an *extreme* month of hospitality to the visitors in the small community of Fayetteville kicking off Saturday, May 4.”

Artwalk 2013 returns to the historical Fayetteville Square on Saturday, May 4th from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, May 5th from 11 am to 4 pm with over 60 artists showcasing their fine art, jewelry, and crafts. This is clearly a “not-to-miss event.” Over \$6,000.00 in award money is given to the artists elected by a judge’s panel. These judges select winners in five categories, and make twelve awards ranging from \$300.00 to \$1,000.00. Additionally, food booths, performing musicians, wine tastings, and activities on arts for children will be available. All will have a chance to visit with the artisans and get a better understanding of the crafts that they are involved with. This event promotes local and regional artists and benefits the Rural Art Programs for Arts for Rural Texas. For more information on ArtWalk 2013, contact 979-378-2113 or e-mail info@ArtsForRuralTexas.org.

When 5 pm comes on Saturday, May 4, the fun is just beginning. Visitors can simply relocate themselves to 209 East Bell Street (just a couple short blocks away from the square) for the **19th ANNUAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER AND DANCE** at St. John's Catholic Church where they will enjoy dinner, live auction, and dance to the sounds of Central Texas Sounds and John Slaughter. A meal of BBQ beef, pork, and sausage will be catered by the Fayetteville Knights of Columbus starting at 5:00 pm, silent auction from 5:00 pm-8:30 pm, live auction starting at 6:30 pm, and dance is after the auction. Additionally, a raffle drawing will be held during the live auction for a Las Vegas Trip—Buyer Bonus. Call Rodney Sladek at 979-249-6868 for more information. This year monies raised will go towards a new grass truck. For anyone that doesn’t have a clue what a grass truck is, it is a small vehicle, usually built on a pick-up truck frame that carries a small amount of water. The main purpose is to fight grass fires. With the dry weather that has prevailed for some time, it makes good sense to keep one of these trucks around in a community.

Whatever type of music pleases your palate, chances are that Fayetteville will have it in May...including **Chamber, Pickin, and Opry!** Returning to Fayetteville is the **7th Annual Fayetteville Music Festival** and setting the stage with incredible music are the following 2013 Musicians: Jorja Fleezanis (violin), Amy Schwartz Moretti (violin), Rebecca Albers (viola), Julie Albers (cello), James Ryon (oboe), Ben Kamins (bassoon), Karl Kramer (horn), and Phillip Bush and Nanako Urase (piano). This festival is presented on Friday, May 10 and Friday May 17 at 8 pm, Saturday, May 11 and Saturday May 18 at 3 pm and again at 8 pm on both Saturdays. The annual music event and tradition to Fayetteville is performed in the Country Place Hotel on the Square with open rehearsals and lectures by world-class musicians. The natural acoustics bring a warm, intimate sound to the instruments. Concert 1 brings “A Concert of Czech Music”, Concert 2 “Netzel: Serenade”, Concert 3 “Schubert: Notturmo”, Concert 4 “Weber: Hungarian Rondo”, Concert 5 “Berwald: Quartet for Piano and Winds”, and Concert 6 “Glinka: Trio Pathetique”. Tickets for adults are \$15.00, youth \$10.00, and season passes are \$60.00. They may be purchased by going to www.fayettevillemusic.org or calling 979-249-5035.

Between Chamber music performances, the Red & White Gallery proudly announces the opening reception of **William Anzalone Recent Work** from 5-8 pm on Saturday, May 11. Gallery talk will be conducted May 18 at 6 pm. Anzalone has earned the reputation as one of Texas' most compelling landscape artists, lives in Fayette County, and derives the paintings, drawings, and delicate pastels from his own experiences. His life is filled with forms, patterns, light, and color. Red & White Gallery is on 102 West Main and may be reached at www.redandwhitegallery.com or by calling 713-818-9766.

And if pure Bluegrass & jammin' music is your cup of tea, Saturday, May 11th is your day in Fayetteville as well with **Texas Pickin' Park** (a free event except for certain classes) beginning around 11:00 am on the square and workshops kicking off the day-long event. Lunch break commences at noon with slow jam picking up at 1:00 and continuing into the night. Expect comfortable spring breezes under the trees as you enjoy music with old and new friends. Dress comfortably. "This is an acoustic instrument jam," states Tom Duplissey, "Do not bring an amplifier---seriously. You will find all styles of music played on acoustic instruments. You can play by yourself or you can join a jam with others and don't forget to bring your own chair." More information may be found at www.texaspickinpark.com or by calling 512-415-3177.

Topping off the May music in Fayetteville will be the **Fayetteville Country Music Show** held Monday 27th (Memorial Day) at the St. John's Catholic Recreational Center on 209 East Bell Street. Doors open at 6 pm and show time is at 7 pm. Food will be available, this is an alcohol free event, and admission is a nominal \$5.00 per person with kids under 10 free. Prepare for an extraordinary night of family entertainment at it's' best with gospel, country, and good ole' fashion toe tappin' music featured by local artists. For more information call 979-250-3226 or go to www.tfems.webs.com.

"We are extremely proud of our heritage, culture, and great volunteers in the community of Fayetteville that has brought arts and music to all ages," states Mayor Ronnie Pflughaupt. "Our restaurants, lodging, shopping, and businesses extend their hometown hospitality to welcome all visitors and locals that come to share these experiences". Fayetteville is located on Highway 159 a short distance from La Grange and zip code 78940 for GPS.

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