



Fine Arts Fiesta

Pennsylvania's Oldest Full Scale Arts Festival
P.O. Box 2053 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18703-2053
Join us on May 19-20-21-22, 20, 21 for
"Spring into Fiesta," our 61th year
www.fineartsfiesta.org

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Dear Friends of Fiesta,

The Fine Arts Fiesta - Northeastern Pennsylvania's premier celebration of the arts – continues its outstanding 61-year tradition as the oldest full scale arts festival in Pennsylvania. **FIESTA 2016 – "Spring into Fiesta"** represents our continued commitment to Northeastern Pennsylvania where we annually present visual and performing arts by both local and national artists. The 60th anniversary event in 2015 saw record breaking numbers of visitors to the Square enjoying the arts.

As a non-profit organization we are proud of our fiscal past, even in such times of economic strife. **FIESTA 2016** will celebrate the arts, May 19-22, again free-of-charge, in downtown Wilkes-Barre. As you know, this diverse cultural event depends upon the critical support of many dedicated volunteers and the financial generosity of individual and sponsors such as you.

We respectfully request your consideration of a much needed contribution. All donations are used to showcase our area's depths of talent; this year we offer plentiful local talent on the stage, local adult and student artists in the juried arts exhibitions, children's performances throughout the festival and an impressively large and diverse artist's market. We suggest that you kindly use the enclosed envelope and help to continue the Community's artistic tradition of the **Fine Arts Fiesta**.

In 2015 we hosted: 27 school groups, 8 daycare/preschools, 3 after school programs, 8 junior/senior high school performing groups, 175+ junior/senior high school students participating in the annual poster contest and juried student exhibition, and, an estimated 200 students entered in the Wyoming Valley Poetry Society Poetry Contest.

Fine Arts Fiesta is also proud of its collaborative efforts with other agencies and groups, including the Wyoming Valley Art League, Luzerne County Historical Society, Verve Vertu, Bonsai Society, Wyoming Valley Poetry Society, King's College, Wilkes University, Joan Harris Center, Suzuki School for Strings, Wilkes-Barre Downtown Business Association, Little Theater, KISS Theater, Wilkes-Barre Academy, Mozart Club, NEPA Academy, Dance Theatre of Wilkes-Barre, Keystone Kids Star Makers, Perfect Harmony School of the Arts, Conservatory of Dance, David Blight School, and the YOUiverse Suzuki Strings.

Please remember, your gift or sponsorship to the **Fine Arts Fiesta** will enable us to sustain this **"free gift of the arts"** to the community. **Join us!** A much appreciated tax deductible contribution will assist in maintaining the fine traditions of Fiesta and will continue to enrich the beauty and the brilliance of all of our presentations.

Visit our recently relaunched and website www.fineartsfiesta.org, first launched twenty one years ago, and follow us on Facebook!

Please accept our appreciation for your support. The "gift" which you make to the **Fine Arts Fiesta** enriches the quality of life in our region for adults and children alike, as well your family, friends and neighbors.

With sincere thanks,

Debbie Grossman
President

David Kerr
Immediate Past President

Brian J. Benedetti
Executive Director