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**Omaha Summer Arts Festival announces 2022 Dates and a New Location**

*Popular Omaha Tradition Returns with Live Artists' Market, Music, Public Art and More*

(Omaha, NE) October 20, 2021 – The Omaha Summer Arts Festival (OSAF) is pleased to announce that it plans to return with a live event in a new location on June 10-12, 2022. Celebrating its 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary as one of Omaha's most treasured traditions, the Festival will bring its juried Artists' Market, music, youth arts and more to one of Omaha's favorite destinations – Aksarben Village.

"The Omaha Summer Arts Festival is excited to move to Aksarben Village for a number of reasons. With great amenities, ample free parking, exceptional green space and a more central location, we believe Aksarben Village will be the ideal new home for the Festival," said Executive Director Vic Gutman. "People from throughout the Metro can walk, bike, bus or drive to what has truly become one of Omaha's favorite places to relax, dine and shop." The OSAF explored returning to its' long-standing Downtown location, but was unable to work out the logistics due to the ongoing development and changes in street closure permits.

In 2021, the Festival introduced a hybrid format that included an expanded presence throughout the Downtown. A popular series of mural cubes were installed for nearly a month and featured a number of pop-up concerts in locations including north, south and central downtown. There are plans to expand this project and to explore additional options to offer arts programming well beyond the traditional three-day festival.

Artist applications are open now at <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=9717>. The OSAF is encouraging applications from Omaha and Nebraska based artists by offering a 50% discount on the jury fee. Artists who apply before December 1, 2021, and use the code 'aksarben' will be able to apply for only \$15.

**About the Omaha Summer Arts Festival**

The Summer Arts Festival began in 1975 in Omaha's historic Old Market district as the first new festival to be organized in Omaha since the 1940s. During its 47 years, the Festival has attracted more than two million people to downtown Omaha and worked in cooperation with dozens of arts, youth and community organizations in the area. The Festival is consistently recognized as one of Omaha's best annual events with a variety of local honors and awards. For updated information about this year's line-up of events and programming, visit [summerarts.org](http://summerarts.org) or connect with us on Facebook.