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Artist Applications now available for the 42nd Westerville Area Chamber Music & Arts Festival!

Westerville, Ohio – February 5, 2015

Save the date for one of your favorite community events, the Westerville Area Chamber Music & Arts Festival, to be held on Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 12, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Heritage Park and Everal Barn, Westerville, 43081. The festival provides a fun weekend for all ages, including live entertainment from two stages, youth exhibits and entertainment, and so much more!

The Chamber is currently accepting artist applications. If you are an artist looking to showcase your art/craft in front of 18,000+ people, then the Westerville Area Chamber Music & Arts Festival is the summer event for you! Each year the festival features over 140 fine arts/crafts exhibitors displaying their work from throughout the United States. The categories in which artists can apply are: *Fine Arts* - acrylics, graphics, drawings, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography, digitally enhanced photography and watercolor; *Fine Crafts* – basketry, ceramics, dolls, fiber, glass, metal, jewelry, leather, mixed media, sculpture, and wood.

Potential Arts/Crafts Exhibitors must submit: a completed application, five (5) digital images (4 of your work and 1 of your booth) to be reviewed by the Jury Committee, and a non-refundable \$20 jury fee. All work must be of fine quality and be original work of the accepted exhibitor. A portion of the display must be originals. Items that will not be accepted include: imports, craft supplies, kits, commercially produced items, home-style crafts, manufactured beads & other mass produced items, dried flowers, or work produced by anyone other than the accepted exhibitor. Every application is reviewed by the festival jury committee, and those selected to exhibit will be notified by Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

In addition to fine arts and crafts, the festival offers a Heritage section, where artisans dress in period costume and demonstrate at his/her booth, and the Westerville Walkway, which is dedicated to local and emerging artists.

Applications can be found on the festival site <http://www.westervillechamber.com/pages/MusicArtsFestival1/>. **The deadline to send your application is Friday, March 13, 2015.**

A special thanks to the sponsors: **Heartland Bank, OhioHealth, Mount Carmel St. Ann's, Nationwide Children's Hospital at Westerville, and Roush Honda.**

Feel free to encourage other artists to apply for the festival. For additional questions, contact Erin Glaser, Manager of Marketing and the Music & Arts Festival, at festival@westervillechamber.com or contact the Chamber Office at 614-882-8917.

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