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**Arts Fair on the Square: this Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

June 18, 2016 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Courthouse Square, Downtown Bloomington

**This event is FREE and open to the public!**

With FREE parking at the Bloomington & Monroe County Convention Center (302 S. College Ave.)

*Bloomington, Indiana:* The Bloomington Playwrights Project presents the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Fair on the Square this Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Arts Fair on the Square takes place on the picturesque grounds of the downtown square surrounding the Monroe County Courthouse in beautiful Bloomington, Indiana, a town known for its diversity and strong arts community. Join us Saturday for the best arts day in Bloomington where we have something fun for everyone!

Arts Fair on the Square showcases the work of 110 artists, supports local organizations through community booths, and features a wide variety of entertainment from local performance groups. But we don't stop there! Arts Fair on the Square also features not one, but two art centers with ongoing and drop-in art activities throughout the day for the artist in everyone! Art Center North features Cookies and Canvas mini painting workshops with a professional artist, gourmet cookie-themed popsicles from Rasta Pops (the cookies to go with the canvas), Ivy Tech and the BPP Youth Education's free Creature Clips art activity, and face painting. Art Center South features Lotus Education & Arts Foundation's One Million Stars to End Violence activity and Ivy Tech and the BPP Youth Education's free A Rockin' Good Time art activity. And just when you think it can't get any better – there's even more to do and see at Arts Fair on the Square! In addition to many opportunities to see and engage in art, we also feature entertainment throughout the day from local performance groups.

Start the day off right with an amazing event kick off concert with the Bloomington Community Band at 10:00 a.m.! Then check out some truly unique and wonderful art around the square or an art activity at one of our two art centers. Be sure to stick around for our other incredible performers: the Windfall Dancers, Jordan River Crossing barbershop quartet, and Dark Side Tribal Belly Dancers. After you've had your fill of music and dance, continue enjoying all of the truly incredible art including ceramics, wood, jewelry, sculpture, metal, drawing, painting, photography, glass, and more. At Arts Fair on the Square, you are sure to find the best art and craft! Arts Fair on the Square takes pride in bringing visual artists and craftspeople together with the local and regional communities and beyond. The mission of Arts Fair on the Square is to showcase fine art and craft of the highest quality, connect artists with the art-buying community, and promote commitment to the arts through a variety of interactive arts experiences. Join us this Saturday to experience everything Arts Fair on the Square has to offer!

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