

# World-class event features the best of Dallas

**D**allas has long been on the map for fashion and football. Now, arts, culture and cuisine get the recognition they deserve.

CityArts Celebration returns to the Dallas Arts District June 9-11 to reflect the vibrant personality of the city's arts community. The free event encourages local and visiting families to experience a broad range of culinary, visual and performing arts.

The first CityArts attracted 20,000 enthusiasts. Last year, 50,000 were in attendance. Success breeds success. The increased awareness of the city's leading role in the international arts scene, in addition to exciting new offerings this year, practically guarantee record attendance.

"It's a showcase for the largest urban arts district in the U.S.," says Philip Jones of the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau, who is credited with creating CityArts. "Dallas has the most incredible cultural collection

throughout the state. We wanted locals to be able to experience and get excited about our world-class institutions and help spread the word to visitors."

The Dallas Museum of Art, the Nasher Sculpture Center and the Trammell &



Commemorative art by Mary Griffin

Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art will offer special programming and free admission during CityArts weekend. Culture will overtake the streets in exhibits of fine art, artisan crafts and photography.

Culinary arts will be well represented at the Medical City Heart Culinary Arts Tent and cooking demonstrations. And, necessary to any great festival, there will be lots of tempting treats from area vendors.

Outdoor stages will feature multicultural music, dance performances and children's activities. From jazz to classical, including the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, live performances will entertain the entire family.



Joining CityArts this year is a showcase of musicians from Louisiana, who have called Texas home since Hurricane Katrina. Also new this year is Friday evening programming which will feature concerts and arts.

"Lots of people in the metro area have never been to the Arts District," says Mr. Jones, "and now they can have a firsthand family-friendly experience with great music and great food."

For more information on Dallas CityArts, visit the Web site at [www.dallascityarts.com](http://www.dallascityarts.com).

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