

ARToberFEST

Presented by The Grand 1894 Opera House
Galveston Island, Texas

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ARToberFEST Galveston Celebrates 28 Years of Art, Music & Community

Ranked #16 in the Nation by Sunshine Artist Magazine — the Only Texas Art Festival in the Top 50 of Fine Art and Design!

Galveston, TX — ARToberFEST Galveston, presented by The Grand 1894 Opera House, is proud to announce a major national honor: *Sunshine Artist Magazine* has ranked ARToberFEST **#16 among the Top 200 Fine Art & Design Festivals in the United States**—and the festival is the **only Texas art show to place this year in the Top 50 Fine Art and Design**.

This recognition is especially meaningful because it is *voted on by the artists themselves*, underscoring ARToberFEST's reputation as one of the most respected juried art festivals in the country.

Now in its 28th year, ARToberFEST will transform Galveston's Historic Downtown Cultural Arts District into an open-air celebration of creativity on **October 18–19, 2025**. Festival hours are 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday along Postoffice Street between 21st and 23rd Streets.

More than 100 exceptional artists from across the nation will showcase their work in 14 different media—including painting, sculpture, jewelry, photography, and more—offering festivalgoers an extraordinary cultural experience.

This year's festival is dedicated to the memory of **beloved artist Patricia Hagstrom**, a long-time ARToberFEST favorite whose artistry and spirit will be remembered throughout the weekend. The event will also spotlight **Blue Ribbon Artist Craig McMillian**, who earned a perfect jury score this year for his outstanding work.

In addition to fine art, visitors can enjoy live music performances by Songs for Lila, John Acevedo, Robert Greaney, and Claudia Font Milano, delicious food truck offerings, and activities for all ages. The **Emerging Student-Artist Tent** and **Children's Creative Zone** ensure that young artists have plenty of opportunities to create and be inspired.

Admission is only \$5 for adults, with children under 12 admitted free. A portion of proceeds supports **The Grand 1894 Opera House's Educational Outreach Programs**, nurturing the next generation of artists. All major credit cards are accepted.

Don't miss your chance to experience why ARToberFEST Galveston is nationally recognized as one of America's premier art festivals—and Texas's finest.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, or additional details, visit www.artoberfest.com or contact Festival Director **Sarah Piel** at 409.770.5066 | 800.821.1894 | spiel@thegrand.com.