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Parade entries for Fountain Square "Art of July" celebration are sought

INDIANAPOLIS—Looking for a fun way to celebrate the Fourth of July this year? Create a one-of-a-kind parade float to display your own portable public art.

The Fountain Square Arts Council (FSAC) invites anyone who enjoys creating art—as well as those who support using art to enhance the quality of life in and around the City of Indianapolis—to participate in their first annual "Art of July" celebration. Artists of all types and backgrounds, students, neighborhood residents, families, musicians, performers, and members of local civic groups are encouraged to learn more.

Participation is open to anyone who wants to develop a parade entry for this all-ages event. Entries are expected to range from the traditional to nontraditional and can include floats, marching bands, dance troupes, performance art, and portable artworks of all types, sizes, and shapes that reflect themes of community celebration, street pageantry, and parades.

"We invite everyone to join us not only for the parade but to celebrate the arts in one of the city's most historic cultural districts," explains Dan McNeal, one of FSAC's founding members. "After the parade, attendees can stick around to enjoy live music, have dinner at one of several independent restaurants in the area, or tailgate and watch the Fourth of July fireworks from one of the best vantage points in the city."

McNeal notes FSAC's goal is to serve as a catalyst for art and communicating about art in southeast Indianapolis.

"Our goals include establishing Fountain Square as an arts destination in the city, supporting local artists, making art inclusive for local residents, and promoting youth and family involvement in the arts," he adds.

Enlist the help of your friends, neighbors, and colleagues and enroll now! For more details, including the call for participation, map of the parade route, online registration form, visit www.fsartscouncil.org.

Registrations are due June 19th. There is no cost and attendance is free.

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