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## ART on the GRAND Returns to Downtown Farmington June 7-8

The annual juried fine art fair is presented by the City of Farmington Hills, in conjunction with the Farmington Downtown Development Authority

FARMINGTON HILLS and FARMINGTON, Mich. (May 7, 2025) — The City of Farmington Hills and the Farmington Downtown Development Authority are proud to present ART on the GRAND Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, along Grand River Avenue in historic downtown Farmington. The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

ART on the GRAND is known for its friendly environment and approachable artists, spanning nearly a quarter mile on Grand River Avenue from Grove Street to Farmington Road. The event is also known for its high-quality art across varying price ranges and disciplines including ceramics, jewelry, painting, photography, wood, wearable art, glass, sculpture, printmaking and more. Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, ART on the GRAND will feature more than 100 artists and is expected to welcome over 40-thousand art lovers.

Stunning wildlife photography and Feng Shui drawings from the 2025 Farmington Hills Artist in Residence Debbie Lim will be in Booth 60, 2018 Artist in Residence John Martin will feature Star Wars and Big Foot digital drawings in Booth 18, and ArtPrize artist Kelly O'Neill sells steel and glass sculptures in Booth 57.

"ART on the GRAND is one of the first art fairs of the season, so the artists always get a lot of love from fairgoers who have a sizable appetite for art and are ready to jump in!" said Rachel Timlin, cultural arts supervisor for the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department. "In Farmington Hills, we are proud to be one of the few Michigan cities with a dedicated Cultural Arts Division and even prouder to create spaces where artists of all backgrounds can share their work, connect with the public and spark creativity across generations."

ART on the GRAND also features Kids Art Alley, where 45 budding artists from 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades will sell their art. Kids Art Alley is located near the center of ART on the GRAND in the Huntington Bank parking lot. Fun activities will also be available to young fairgoers in the KidZone, including art workshops with the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Admission to the festival and parking are free. ART on the GRAND is presented by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Cultural Arts Division with the Farmington Downtown Development Authority and sponsored by T Mobile Fiber and Renewal by Anderson.

The City of Farmington Hills has the largest dedicated municipal Cultural Arts Division in the State of Michigan. The Division coordinates arts programming for the community, including

classes, events, and activities in visual and performing arts, and year-round performances at The Hawk Theatre, to expose diverse populations to the arts. The City's Cultural Arts Division also works to empower makers of all ages and abilities in The Hawk Makerspace, an immersive facility that allows makers to access a variety of state-of-the art tools and equipment, as well as a creative community with a wealth of resources and knowledge, to grow a new hobby or skill, from sewing to woodworking and more.

For more information about ART on the GRAND, including an interactive map highlighting where to find this year's featured artists, visit <a href="www.artonthegrand.com">www.artonthegrand.com</a> and follow ART on the GRAND on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>.

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## **About the City of Farmington Hills**

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest and most diverse communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The city is known for its extensive amenities, including its 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, 245,000-square-foot recreation and performance venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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