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2007 Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the Original

Ann Arbor, MI – The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is the Original of the four art fairs that comprise the award-winning Ann Arbor Art Fairs. Collectively, the fairs draw more than half a million visitors each year. The 48th annual Ann Arbor Street Art Fair takes place on North University Avenue and the University of Michigan's grassy Ingalls Mall and Diag. This year's Fair opens on Wednesday, July 18th and continues through Saturday, July 21st, 2007. The hours of the Fair are 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM Wednesday through Friday and 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM on Saturday.

Scheduled Street Closings

On Monday, July 16th, Washington St will be closed for the Townie Street Party between Thayer and Fletcher from 7am until 10am on Tuesday, July 17th. On Tuesday, July 17th, nearly 30 blocks of downtown Ann Arbor will be closed to allow Art Fair organizers and artists to set up and prepare. The Art Fairs open on Wednesday at 10am, and close on Saturday at 6pm. During the Art Fairs, several streets in downtown will be closed. The State St and South University commercial districts will be closed, as well as Main St between Liberty and State, and North University between State and Fletcher. For more information, please visit www.annarbor.org.

Parking Near the Fair

The newly refurbished Maynard Street Parking Structure provides convenient parking two blocks from the center of the Original Fair. Evening and Saturday parking is available at the University of Michigan parking garage on Thayer and Washington, and at the Palmer Deck (enter off Washtenaw and take the walkway), both immediately adjacent to the Fair. Many downtown city structures and lots cost \$10 a day (\$5 after 5 PM). Neighborhood parking is available all along State St. and north of Washington at schools, churches, and apartment buildings for a fee.

Getting to the Fair

M-Art Line – Park and then ride the M-Art Line buses directly into the heart of the Fairs. Parking is available for \$5.00 per car at the Glazier Way and Huron Parkway U-M Lot, and the M-Art Line buses are free to ride. There are two stops: one at Fletcher and Washington Streets and one on N. University between Fletcher and Church Streets, and the bus also returns to the lot from both stops. Service hours are Wed-Fri 9am - 10pm*, Sat 9am - 7pm* (*last bus leaves Fairs) and comes every 10-15 minutes. Please note that pets are not allowed, service animals only, and the buses are wheelchair accessible. For more information, please visit www.transportation.umich.edu

AATA's The LINK – The Link's free and air-conditioned purple buses will loop around the Fair site traveling between all fairs, parking structures and AATA shuttle stops. Buses travel clockwise around the perimeter of the fairs. Ride free. Service hours are Wed-Fri, 10 am-10 pm, Sat 10 am-7 pm. Please visit http://www.artfair.org/visit_maps.php for a map with The Link's stops and route.

AATA Art Fair Shuttles – Art Fair will operate two shuttles. To pick up a shuttle, park at Briarwood Mall, off I-94 at State Street or at Pioneer High School, on the corner of Main Street and Stadium, south of the Michigan Football Stadium, using the Seventh St. entrance. The South University / State Street Shuttle will take you to the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair at the shuttle bus stop located on the corners of South University and State Street. Go northeast across the University of Michigan DIAG along State Street to the corner of North University Ave and Thayer Street and look for the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the Original, logo. Visit an Information Booth at the corner of North University and Thayer for maps, guides and official souvenirs.

AATA Art Fair Shuttles will run every 10 to 15 minutes from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fares are \$1.50 each way; children seven years of age and younger ride free. Please note that pets are not allowed, service animals only, and the buses are wheelchair accessible. All shuttles For AATA information call (734) 996-0400 or visit their web site at www.theride.org.

By Car – For highway and road construction information please visit:

www.wcroads.org

www.michigan.gov/mdot

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