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ON THE SQUARE

Springtime is in the air so get outside with the family and enjoy a fun-filled weekend in late April. In addition to offering the best in visual arts, Art in the Square (April 25-27) also offers a tremendous lineup of musicians and performing artists. Two stages feature continuous entertainment for patrons all weekend long. On the main stage, you can catch performances from some of the hottest stars in the Metroplex, with styles ranging from Jazz and Blues, to Pop and Rock—and even Reggae, Motown and Country. The Southlake Women's Club presents Art in the Square 2014 at Southlake Town Square. This year Art in the Square celebrates 15 years of providing a world-class, three-day juried fine arts festival that brings renowned artists and entertainment to Northeast Tarrant. Another reason to go:

THE EVENT HAS RAISED \$2,000,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES.

ART IN THE SQUARE

In Southlake Town Square

Juried Student Art | Competition is open to all high school students in Northeast Tarrant County. New this year is the Lone Star Artist Award. The winner will have artwork displayed in the rotunda of state capitol. In addition, \$500 in prizes will be awarded to outstanding entries.

Artist Plaza | Each year a jury committee reviews entries and selects artists for Art in the Square. The committee is composed of individuals who provide experience and expertise in the art culture which helps select outstanding art for the event. This year there were 723 entries—the largest number in 15 years. Applications were received from 41 states in the U.S. and seven international applications were also received. Out

of those, artists from 26 states and five international artists were invited to attend. Over 150 artists will be displaying their art for sale.

Featured Artists | The 2014 T-shirt Artist Winner is TJ Thompson Cortez of TJ Thompson Cortez, Co. He calls his art Thompy Art, his son's nickname. TJ has studied art and has been an artist since childhood. TJ's talent in art was recognized early, when he won a statewide drawing contest at the age of 14. His desire was fueled to spend a lifetime creating art for people to enjoy. Known for his ability to capture ordinary lives and routine moments with a thought provoking message, his paintings are his inner voice. He does this in a way others may see, feel and participate

with him in telling of the story. TJ paints with oil and acrylic on canvas. Other featured artists are: Janelle Lindley, Anne London, Dean Russell Thompson, Erin Hanson, Martin Lambuth, Michelle Mardis, Preston Steed, Dennis Rhoades.

Entertainment Headliner | The headliner this year is The Cadillac Three. With a sound that hovers between radio-ready country anthems, hard-and-heavy rock and traditional Southern folk. Some call it country fuzz, some call it hipster-billy, but when you boil it all down there's only one way to describe it—dang good music, as pure and refreshing as a country creek. They have a new single "The South" which is on Billboard's Hot Country Songs. *(continued on next page)*

2014 ART IN THE SQUARE BENEFICIARIES

- Advent Urban Youth Development
- Alliance for Children
- Apex Arts League
- Arts Council Northeast
- Call A Ride in Southlake
- Christ's Haven for Children
- Christmas is for Children
- Christmas Providers
- CISD Special Olympics-Southlake
- Community Enrichment Center
- Community Hospice of Texas
- Community Storehouse
- FEAT-NT
- Friends of Southlake Library
- I CAN STILL SHINE
- Girls of Greatness
- GRACE
- Metroport Meals on Wheels
- Mission Central Metroplex
- North Texas SNAP
- SafeHaven of Tarrant County
- Summer Santa
- Tarrant Area Food Bank
- The Battered Women's Foundation
- The Ladder Alliance
- The WARM Place

Hot Spots for Kids | There is a variety of fun activities for children at the event. The Zone has a climbing wall, a bungee jump and lots of inflatables for kids of all ages. The Zone will be located across from the Southlake Post Office. In addition, at the Kid's Korner there will be different art experiences for children located next to Le Bistro.

Chill and Relax | This year a new venue will be featured. Destination Alley, which is sponsored by Celebrity Cruises, offers a quaint area on Main Street next to Mi Cocina. Activities include a sidewalk chalk artist, an area for emerging artists and a juried artist area. The Beverage Port will also be available which offers a portable beverage stand with rooftop entertainment. Bellatrino is a revolutionary restaurant on wheels and will serve gourmet pizza, pasta and salads with seating available for attendees to chill and visit with friends. The Pub returns with covered seating in case of inclement weather and offers a variety of beverages to compliment food from Le Bistro.

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 "I am proud to be chairing this, our 15th Art in the Square. Each year we strive to bring better art, better entertainment and a better experience to all that attend our festival. This year is no exception with 723 artist applicants to choose from, our national music headliner The Cadillac Three, and our new area for additional food, fun and art—Destination Alley by Celebrity Cruises," said Kris Nelson.

Proceeds Benefit Charities in Northeast Tarrant County
 In 1985 the Southlake Women's Club started its journey to help the community with its philanthropic endeavors. One of the first major fundraisers was the annual Spaghetti Dinner. Members would prepare, cook and serve 1,800 attendees. The evening brought people together from Southlake and the surrounding areas for an evening of good food, fellowship and entertainment. The area was growing so fast that membership of the club decided to accommodate the growth with a new venue. After the 1999 dinner, Robin Snyder (*an artist and member*) conceived the idea of Art in the Square that would offer family fun, good food, entertainment with the addition of juried fine art from around the world.

The Southlake Women's Club Foundation selection committee selected 26 charities in Northeast Tarrant County as beneficiaries of the 2014 Art in the Square. They offer assistance to women, children and families who need help during challenging times in their lives. Additionally, proceeds from Art in the Square fund scholarships for graduating high school seniors from Carroll ISD. Since 2000 Art in the Square has raised \$2,000,000 through sponsorships, vendor's fees and ticket sales for activities, food and drinks. "Our goal is to have a variety of styles (*contemporary to traditional*), mediums, and price points. As our applications increase, so does the quality of work displayed," says Terri Messing, chairman artist committee. The Southlake Women's club as well as family, friends and community volunteers all contribute to this event and are essential to its success.

FESTIVAL HOURS:

Friday, April 25	4pm - 10:30pm
Saturday, April 26	10am - 10:30pm
Sunday, April 27	11am - 6pm

Free Admission and Parking

For more information, go to www.ArtintheSquare.com