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## **Laumeier Sculpture Park Hosts 30th Annual Art Fair on Mother's Day Weekend, May 12–14, 2017**

(ST. LOUIS, MO)—Laumeier Sculpture Park hosts the 30th Annual Art Fair, presented by Emerson, May 12–14, 2017. More than 12,000 patrons attend this annual three-day event on Mother's Day weekend, featuring local food and beverage vendors, hands-on activities for kids, live music and 150 juried artists from across the country exhibiting work in ten categories: ceramics, fiber/textiles, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography/digital, printmaking/drawing, sculpture and wood. Event proceeds support Laumeier's mission and presentation of sculpture conservation, education programs, temporary exhibitions and public events.

Highlights of the weekend include Friday evening's Art of the Vine, a special wine tasting event from 6:00–9:00 p.m., and the City of Sunset Hills Music Festival on Saturday afternoon from 3:00–8:00 p.m. Laumeier's Creation Location, free with Art Fair admission, is open throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, offering activities and entertainment for kids and families. Main stage entertainment includes performances by Boogie Chyld, Dizzy Atmosphere, Funky Butt Brass Band, Trip Daddys and Trixie Delight, among others. Concessions vendors include Capitalist Pig BBQ, Drunken Fish, Mission Taco Joint and Straub's Food Truck, among others, plus beer from 4 Hands Brewery and cocktails from Liquid Spirits Cocktails.

Laumeier received more than 350 artist applications for this year's Art Fair. All artists ages 18 and up who exhibit work of original concept, design and execution are eligible to apply each year beginning in October the year prior; total participation is limited to 150 artists. The 2017 jury panel included Robin Assner, Associate Professor of Photography, Webster University; Daniel McGrath, Director, Duet Gallery; and Mel Watkin, local artist, independent curator and arts writer. Cash and prizes totaling \$5,000 are awarded to those artists judged the best overall, regardless of media category, on Saturday, May 13. The 2017 judges panel includes Ellen Curlee, independent curator; Patricia Fribis, Mayor of Sunset Hills; and Brett Williams, local artist.

**What:** 30th Annual Art Fair, presented by Emerson  
Produced in partnership with St. Louis County Parks

**Where:** Laumeier Sculpture Park, 12580 Rott Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63127

**When:** Friday, May 12, 6:00–10:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 14, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Admission:** \$10; Ages 10 and under are FREE

**Special Event:** Art of the Vine  
Friday, May 12, 6:00–9:00 p.m.  
\$12, Ages 21 and up  
Art Fair admission required

Admission for Art Fair and Art of the Vine can be purchased on site or in advance at [www.laumeier.org](http://www.laumeier.org) beginning Friday, March 31. No physical tickets.

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