



Festival of the Arts

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NEW KIDZART ZONE AT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS JUNE 2-4 IN DOWNTOWN GRAND RAPIDS

A **New KidzArt Zone** awaits youngsters ages 1-12 when they visit the annual Festival of the Arts, June 2-4 in downtown Grand Rapids. This area presents a different activity every day – and, **for the first time ever**, features the popular Grandville Avenue Academy for the Arts at Festival.

“We wanted to present a bigger variety of activities – and expand the offerings to include younger and older kids,” says Heather Litts, Festival co-chair. “We want Festival to be a participation event – where kids not only look at the artists and performances, but they get involved in *creating* their own art and performances.”

Her co-chair, Tim Pitcher, adds, “The KidzArt Zone involves many different area arts and children’s organizations, including the Grand Rapids Children’s Museum and the Kindermusik organization. It also gives kids a much greater array of art-making opportunities at Festival.”

The KidzArt Zone schedule at Festival is as follows:

Friday: 4–7:30 pm

Grand Rapids Children’s Museum

Make a bookmark featuring Clifford the Big Red Dog. Ages 2–10 years.

Saturday: 10–3 pm

Kindermusik of Rockford & Grand Rapids, LLC

Making musical instruments. Ages 1–8 years.

Saturday: 10–3 pm

10–10:45 am; 12:30–1:15 pm; 1:45–3 pm.

Family time. All ages.

10:45–11:15am; 1:15–1:45pm.

Sunday: 11 am–3 pm

Paper sculpture activity based on the work of sculptor Anthony Caro – known for his assembled sprawling compositions. Ages 7–12.

The Festival of the Arts is the largest all-volunteer arts festival in the nation and is included in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Its mission is to showcase the arts in West Michigan in all forms – visual, performance, culinary and more – involving people of all ages in producing, participating and experiencing as many aspects of the arts as possible.

All performances and exhibits, and most activities, are free of charge. Festival is a member of the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids, with support from the Kent County Board of Commissioners. For more information, call 459-1300 or visit the Web site at www.festivalofthearts.org.