

THE 2015 PICCOLO SPOLETO OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION



MAY 22 - JUNE 6

MARION SQUARE, CHARLESTON

Over 80 Juried Fine Artists, with Original Oils, Pastels, Watercolors, Acrylics, Encaustics, Photography & Mixed Media

OPEN DAILY 10am - 5 pm - Weekends til 6

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North Charleston City Hall Exhibits

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Roberts - *Experimentum Crucis* is on view on City Hall's 2nd floor. A reception will be held on May 7, from 6-8pm.

Local artist Alexandra Roberts will present a collection of works that serve as an exploration of media culminating in a symphony of color and texture. Many of the pieces are inspired by personal experiences, observations in society, and her work as a community artist.

Roberts graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) with a BFA in Fine Arts in 2006 and immediately went on to pursue the career she is most passionate

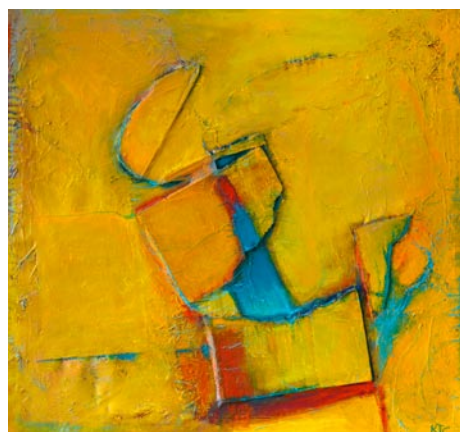
about, community arts, by obtaining an MA in Community Arts in 2007. She is currently a freelance artist and offers residencies to North Charleston schools and community groups as the City of North Charleston's 2014/15 Artist-in-Residence. Roberts is also a teaching artist with the City of North Charleston's After School Arts Enrichment Program and art instructor with the Casey Community Center in Goose Creek.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings call 843/740-5854, visit (<http://northcharlestonartsfest.com/>).

Annual North Charleston Arts Festival Set for May 1-9, 2015

The annual North Charleston Arts Festival is set to kick off on May 1 and conclude on May 9, 2015. Now entering its 33rd year, the nine day event has matured into one of the most comprehensive arts festivals in the state, drawing thousands of residents and visitors to experience the talents of national, regional, and local artists and performers in the areas of Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, Crafts, Photography, Media Arts, and Literature. Nearly 200 festival offerings are scheduled to take place in a variety of venues throughout North Charleston and the surrounding area, including libraries, community centers, schools, civic auditoriums, and parks.

Recognized by the Southeast Tourism Society as a Top 20 Event, the North Charleston Arts Festival offers something for everyone. The City of North Charleston Cultural Arts Department organizes and presents the event each year, striving to maintain the spirit of a public celebration with the mission of presenting a broad, multidiscipline event schedule that provides a wide range of performances, exhibitions, and activities for people of all ages and



"Jubilee" by KTC (2015 North Charleston Arts Festival Design Competition Winner). Photo credit City of North Charleston.

backgrounds. Many of the offerings are free, and those that are ticketed are moderately priced.

"The variety of Arts Festival offerings and the inclusiveness of the event have really become a point of pride for the City of North Charleston," says North Charleston Mayor, Keith Summey. "From

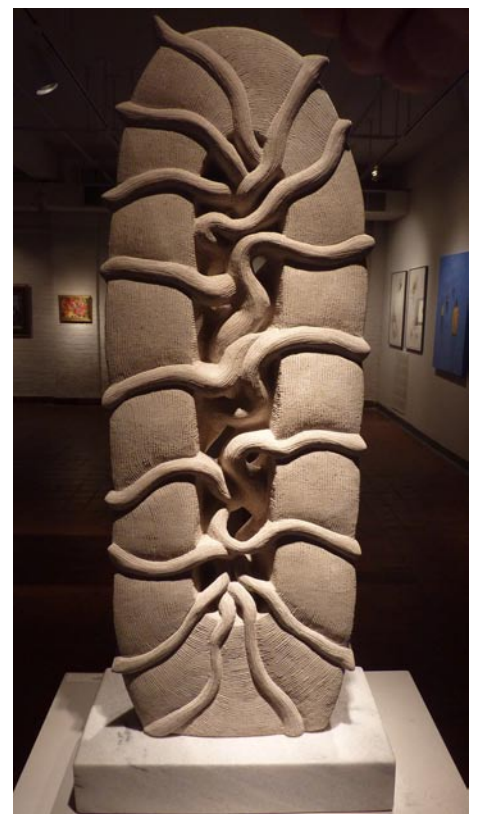
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humble beginnings as a one-day community celebration at Park Circle, the festival has developed into one of our most anticipated annual City events where we are joined by thousands from throughout the Southeast to celebrate the importance of art within our world."

The Arts Festival Main Event, held on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center and Charleston Area Convention Center, offers free admission and parking to more than 40 performances on four themed stages: General Audience, Cultural Heritage, Bands, and Youth Entertainment. Other features include judged fine art and photography exhibits; the 14th annual South Carolina Palmetto Hands Fine Craft Exhibit; youth art and photography from Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester county students; the Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society show and sale; Village Antiques & Collectibles show; children's activities at Box City and Creation Stations; art & craft vendors, a food court, and much more.

Individual events take place throughout the nine days of the festival at various locations. An exciting array of free and ticketed offerings include concerts; street dances; theatre presentations; film screenings; art lectures, workshops, and demonstrations; an art walk; children's programs; and the Grand Finale at the beautiful North Charleston Riverfront Park. Examples of visual art exhibitions on view during the festival include a collection of photographs by Sandy Logan; contemporary metal and glass pieces by Steve Hazard; cut paper works by Sherill Anne Gross; the 10th annual National Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition; and the 9th Annual African American Fiber Art Exhibition featuring pieces inspired by Maya Angelou.

This year's Grand Finale on May 9



"Portal VIII" by Paris Alexander (National Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition). Photo credit City of North Charleston.

features a Tri-County School Steel Drum Festival, performances, a slam poetry show, children's activities, food trucks, and an evening concert by The Dante Lewis Band. The event concludes with a fantastic fireworks display over the Cooper River.

For more 2015 North Charleston Arts Festival information, including event details, site maps, and social media contest rules, visit (NorthCharlestonArtsFest.com) or contact the North Charleston Cultural Arts Department office at 843/740-5854.

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be May 24th for the June 2015 issue and June 24 for the July 2015 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now.

And where do you send that info?
E-mail to (info@carolinaarts.com).