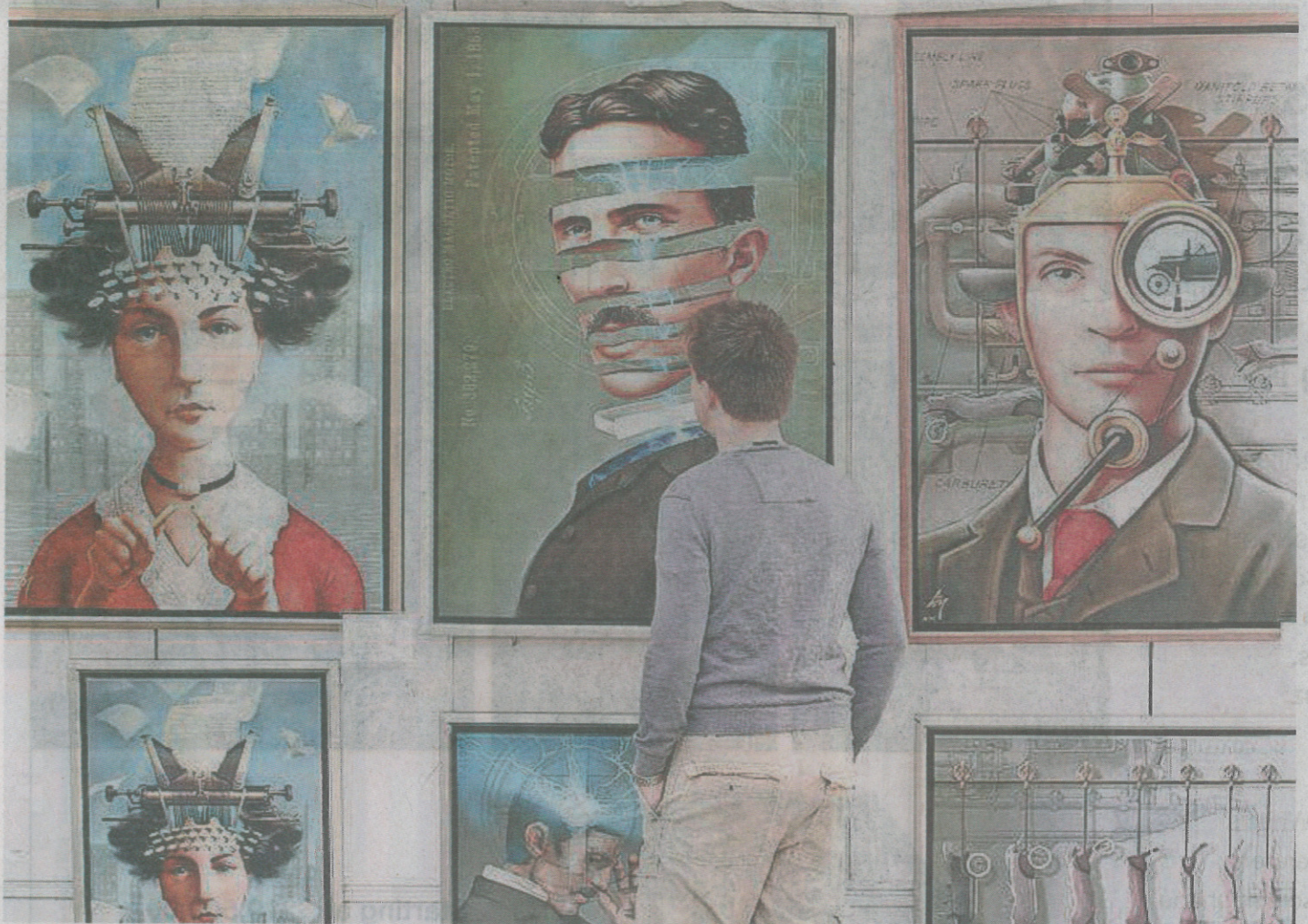


YOUR GUIDE TO ARTISPHERE



Artisphere presented by TD Bank will take place Friday through Sunday in downtown Greenville. FILE

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Artisphere presented by TD Bank is a weekend-long celebration of the arts in downtown Greenville. But that simple description doesn't begin to explain how much is going on for those three days, let alone help you decide what to see and when.

Despite the deluge of arts and entertainment, you can make the most out of your trip to the 14th annual festival, which runs today through Sunday. You just need to make a plan of what you want to see and do, and when you want

Artisphere

Where: Downtown Greenville

Hours: Friday, noon-8 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Learn more

Find out about parking, music, food and more at GreenvilleOnline.com.

Come back Saturday to see photos from the opening day.

Official site: artisphere.org.

to go.

Here's a look at the best times to go to Artisphere depending on what you want to do:

To see theater performances:

Saturday between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., WYFF-4 Main Stage: The Fine Arts Center Department of Theatre kicks things off at 10 a.m. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., there's a steady stream of theatrical performances, with South Carolina Children's Theatre, followed

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by Centre Stage at 12:10 p.m., and Greenville Little Theatre at 12:40 p.m.

Sunday at 4:15 p.m., WYFF-4 Main Stage, a performance by GLOW Lyric Theatre.

To see dance performances:

Saturday at 10:45 a.m. on WYFF-4 Main Stage, Fine Arts Center Department of Dance performs. Beginning at 1:35 p.m., there are back-to-back dance performances, first by Carolina Ballet, followed by South Carolina Governor's School Dance Department at 2:30 p.m. and International Ballet at 3:10 p.m.

To watch art demos:

Brian Olsen's popular Art in Action, in which Olsen paints a portrait of a famous figure on an enormous canvas, using multiple paintbrushes as well as his hands and elbows, while high-energy music plays, returns for 13 performances.

Art in Action, which takes place in Falls Park, will be presented all three days of the festival, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Throughout the weekend, there will be art demonstrations on Artist Demo Row on the Main Street Bridge. Those demos, which are ongoing for the three days of the festival, showcase glassblowing, metalworking, printmaking and woodworking.

To see art from the Upstate:

The Artists of the Upstate Juried Exhibition will be open from noon-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday in the Founders Room above Larkins on the River.

To do yoga:

Soul Yoga will have a demonstration at 8 a.m. Saturday on the WYFF-4 Main Stage.

To take an ART LAB workshop:

In painting: 6 p.m. Saturday, adult attendees can paint a picture with *Vino and Van Gogh*, and kids can take a class with *Vino and Van Gogh* at 11 a.m. Sunday. Pre-registration is required, and

the cost is \$35 for adult class, \$25 for children's class.

A watercolor poppy painting class will be taught at 3 p.m. Sunday, and a pottery painting class will be at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Other classes: Hand-dyeing and making collages, 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday; relief printing, 10 a.m. Saturday; handmade paper, noon Saturday; 2D needle felting, 4 p.m. Saturday; wet felting, 5 p.m. Saturday; brush lettering, 7 p.m. Saturday; and photo transfers, 5 p.m. Sunday; Writing Memorable Fiction by Emrys Foundation, 4 p.m. Friday.

All ART LAB workshops will be held in the Postcard From Paris parking lot on South Main Street. You can pre-register at skillpop.com.

To have fun with the kids:

Kidsphere, which has expanded to two locations this year, will be open 3-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Kidsphere North, at South Main and Broad streets, features activities led by artists from Greenville Center for Creative Arts and

students from South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. Kids can make superhero masks, handmade hats, bird kites and more.

Kidsphere South, at the south end of the festival, will offer interactive musical and theater experiences with DRUM Percussion Studio and Logos Theatre. Children will have the chance to make music and meet costumed characters. In addition, throughout the run of the festival, members of DRUM and Logos will parade down Main Street with percussionists, "Chronicles of Narnia" puppets, stilt walkers and more.

STEAM: The Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Exhibit will offer interactive displays and demonstrations throughout the weekend, focusing on such things as robots, creating a sustainable food supply, and color perception.

Coming back this year is the Metronont Community Sculpture in Falls Park, to which Artisphere attendees can add their own creative touch.

To sample wines and craft beers:

The Wine and Craft Beer Experience

goes on from 1-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Things to know:

Festival hours are noon-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Musical performances continue after the festival officially closes on Friday and Saturday.

Each of the artists conducts business independently, setting the prices and payment methods for his or her work.

Bikeville's Bike Valet, on the Swamp Rabbit Trail under the Main Street Bridge, will be available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for bike-riding attendees to stash their bicycles in a safe place, as bikes are not allowed within the festival site.

Also not allowed in the festival site: pets, coolers, inline skates or skateboards.

Festival concierges, who wear neon vests, are situated around the festival site to answer questions or offer directions.

Unlike other downtown festivals, cash and credit cards are accepted for food purchases at Artisphere.

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