



## Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

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### Downtown Festival & Art Show Ranks No. 80 in the Nation

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.** - The Downtown Festival & Art Show continues to climb in national art fair rankings. It placed 80th among the top 100 fine art festivals in the nation in Greg Lawler's Art Fair SourceBook. This is the third time in its 29-year history that the Downtown Festival & Art Show has made the SourceBook's list. Only eight other Florida art festivals were featured in the latest rankings. The SourceBook provides critiques and sales-based ratings for 600 of the top-selling art shows, art festivals, and craft shows across the country.

Since 1996, the Downtown Festival & Art Show has consistently received national honors from prominent publications including Sunshine Artist Magazine, America's premier show and festival publication. Sunshine Artist Magazine has also recognized the Downtown Festival & Art Show for the past four years as one of the top 30 fairs and festivals nationwide, naming it no. 30 in 2010.

This year, the Downtown Festival & Art Show will celebrate 30 years of excellence in art and musical expression on Saturday, Nov. 12 and Sunday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in the heart of historic downtown Gainesville, the festival will showcase artwork from 250 of the nation's top artists and feature a blend of fine art, food, and entertainment that draws more than 100,000 visitors to historic downtown Gainesville each year.

For more information on the City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs' 30<sup>th</sup> annual celebration, please visit [www.gvltculturalaffairs.org](http://www.gvltculturalaffairs.org) or visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/DowntownFestivalandArtShow>.