



City of McKinney Press Release

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Main Street Presents Art Walk...Downtown McKinney Is Hopping

Visual and performance art in historic district at free event on May 22

McKINNEY, TEXAS (May 6, 2010) – McKinney Main Street announced this year's Art Walk event set for Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Historic Downtown McKinney. More than 100 local and regional artists will showcase their artwork throughout the historic district.

"We look forward to showcasing our wonderful historic district to the community and our visitors as we celebrate the arts and enjoy the unique atmosphere downtown McKinney has to offer," said McKinney Main Street Program Director Ty Lake. "It is a great opportunity for residents of McKinney and surrounding communities to come out and spend a day shopping, dining and enjoying the arts and entertainment with friends and family."

At the ArtWalk, expect to see a multitude of art mediums and live entertainment throughout the 12-block area of downtown McKinney. Artists will be represented in store fronts throughout downtown McKinney, along with several set up on the lawn of the McKinney Performing Arts Center. Streets will remain open during the ArtWalk so that guests can "hop" from shop to shop enjoying the many varieties of featured artists along with a chance to visit more than 100 businesses.

Participating businesses will share their own artistic abilities by showcasing hand painted, colorful frogs to direct shoppers from store to store throughout the Art Walk in the Historic Downtown Commercial District.

Admission to the event is free to the public, and parking is plentiful throughout the eleven parking lots north, south, east and west of the square. For additional information, contact McKinney Main Street at 972.547.2660 or visit www.downtownmckinney.com.

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About Downtown

McKinney enjoys one the oldest authentic and thriving historic downtowns in Texas. What was once the center of all commercial and social activity for Collin County, our city continues to serve as a viable retail, dining, entertainment and business center. Downtown offers more than 100 unique shops and more than a dozen unique

restaurants, including upscale restaurants featuring award-winning chefs, sandwich shops, outdoor patio dining and neighborhood pubs. Downtown McKinney also offers an assortment of specialty shops, art galleries featuring the works of local artists, furniture stores, exquisite antique collections, gift shops and apparel boutiques. For more information visit www.downtownmckinney.com

About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 126,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Move by Forbes Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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