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Medina County Arts Council celebrates 39th annual Arts Week July 9-17

Medina County Arts Council presents its 39th Annual Arts Week with a full schedule of arts performances, classes and activities planned around the county from July 9th through the 17th.

Generously sponsored by Mercer Transportation, Arts Week kicks off with ORMACO's Jazz Under the Stars on Saturday, July 9th and culminates with Medina County Art League's 48th annual Art in the Park on Sunday, July 17. In between are musical performances, arts classes, a Kids Arts Camp and Kids Arts Fest. Most of the activities are free, however some of the classes charge a small fee.

In addition to concerts by local performers throughout the county, activities include Medina Fest at Medina Square, chalk art, tutorials and painting in Seville, sidewalk chalk art, a magic show and teen magic workshop in Brunswick, Sharon Showcase on the circle in Sharon Center, a yoga and paint class in Wadsworth, a cartooning class at Wadsworth library, and so much more. A full schedule of events for the week can be found at <https://www.medinacountyartscouncil.org/arts-week-festival>

The Medina County Arts Council is proud to announce its first annual Kids Arts Camp that will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of Arts Week at Medina United Church of Christ Congregational. The purpose of this camp is to give children an exposure to the arts and experience the joy that creativity and self-expression can bring. It will include visual art, dance and theater skills and will group children by grades (1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th). To register, visit <https://www.medinacountyartscouncil.org/arts-camp>

The Kids Arts Camp will culminate with a Kids Arts Fest on Wednesday, July 13 from noon to 1:30pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy the festivities: craft tables, face painting, performances by the Bowman violin students and the Ukranian Children's Bandurist School. Medina Kiwanis will be selling hot dogs and snacks.

A highlight of the week will be the creation of a giant sand sculpture built by Cleveland sand sculptor Carl Jara. The sculpture, sponsored by Planet Joy/Intervention for Peace, will be constructed near Medina Square and will remain up through Arts Week. Carl will also be offering a class to teach the techniques of sand sculpture on Monday, July 11 at noon and a special sand art demo and instruction for kids on Tuesday, July 12 at noon.

MCAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support and promotion of the arts, individual artists, art organizations and arts education in Medina County. Each year, MCAC provides grants to Medina County organizations, schools and communities promoting the arts, and maintains a scholarship program that awards scholarships to graduating Medina County seniors. Donations and fund raising support these programs as well as the annual Arts Week celebrations. Visit MCAC online at www.medinacountyartscouncil.org.

A complete Arts Week schedule is attached.

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