



**THE 11th ANNUAL BARRINGTON ART FESTIVAL MAKES ITS
HIGHLY ANTICIPATED RETURN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MAY 23 & 24**

The top-rated, free art festival showcases the work of 130 artists from across the country, and introduces a new, live interactive art competition, food, music, activities and more.

CHICAGO, IL (FEBRUARY, 2020) – A fun-filled Memorial Day Weekend activity for all ages, the 11th Annual **Barrington Art Festival** makes its exciting return to the charming streets of Downtown Barrington Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Produced by industry veteran **Amdur Productions**, this free, family-friendly festival will feature work from 130 juried artists hand-selected to participate from across the country. Both art aficionados and leisurely shoppers alike may find unique pieces spanning a wide variety of mediums including paintings, flat arts, jewelry, furniture, ceramics, wearables, fashion, accessories, 3D art pieces, sculptures and more. A brand new interactive live art competition, “Battle of the Brushes,” will feature select artists going head-to-head in a creative showdown, live on stage.

“We are thrilled to begin the 2020 festival season with an event as well-loved by the community as the **Barrington Art Festival**,” said Amy Amdur, Founder and CEO of **Amdur Productions**. “Now in our eleventh year producing the festival, we are proud to continue to provide the community with the art they have come to expect and enjoy, as well as expand the event with new entertainment including the ‘Battle of the Brushes.’”

In addition to shopping the thoughtfully-curated selection of art, festivalgoers will have the opportunity to meet and engage with the artists on-site to learn about their processes, motivations and make a connection while shopping for new pieces. Attendees will also be delighted to find a variety of entertainment to enjoy throughout the weekend including live music, local and celebrated food vendors, kid-friendly activities including a graffiti wall, youth art tent in partnership with local art school Kaleidoscope for the little ones and more. The Barrington Cultural Commission will also have a booth during the festival featuring the Village’s own local artists.

Amdur Productions has highlighted Let It Be Us, an organization dedicated to changing the landscape of foster care and adoption through innovative programming supporting the Illinois

Department of Children and Family Services and all Illinois Child Welfare Agencies, as the beneficiary of their Green Ribbon Project during the **Barrington Art Festival**. 10% of proceeds from booths showcasing a green ribbon at the festival will be donated to support this organization.

With both free admission and street parking available to visitors, the **Barrington Art Festival** is easily accessible to both travelers and local community members alike. Located off the Northwest Highway Metra stop, the festival is a short 30-minute commute from Chicago. For more information or to see the full lineup of **Amdur Productions'** 2020 festivals, please visit www.amdurproductions.com.

About Amdur Productions

Amdur Productions has produced fine art and fine craft festivals across the Midwest with a focus on Chicago and the surrounding suburbs for 37 years. Founded by Amy Amdur and headquartered in Highland Park, Illinois, the company launched its first event with the Port Clinton Art Festival and has since grown to 24 regional events. Through these events, **Amdur Productions** aims to foster a community of thoughtful, engaged audiences by connecting them to countless inspiring artists and their unique pieces. Offering festivalgoers a unique value proposition, Amdur events provide shoppers the opportunity to meet and engage with artists to learn about their methods and processes before choosing to adorn their home with a new piece of art. amdurproductions.com

About ArtZipper.com

Launched in 2018 by **Amdur Productions**, the e-commerce site **ArtZipper.com** is an online marketplace where up-and-coming artists can sell their unique, handcrafted pieces directly to consumers. Many of the most popular artists that exhibit at Amdur Productions events include their art on the site, giving fans and attendees another outlet to shop their work 24/7. From paintings to sculpture, hand-blown glass and fine jewelry, **ArtZipper.com** features expertly curated works in every medium you can imagine, and ships internationally. artzipper.com.

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