



## **Covid Compliant 36<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Art Festival to be held April 24 – 25, 2021 at Wickham Park**

**Melbourne, FL** - The 2021 Melbourne Art Festival Presented by LEXUS will once again be held among the trees and lakes at beautiful Wickham Park in Melbourne, FL April 24 & 25, 2021. The annual festival, which draws tens of thousands of art and music lovers, is a vibrant family friendly event that promotes and encourages artistic endeavors, education and appreciation of the arts in Brevard County.

Canceled last year due to the pandemic, this year's COVID compliant festival will feature over 200 artists, live music, kid friendly activities, a virtual art competition for students, sponsor displays, and diverse food and beverage options in a serene park setting with plenty of parking. The 36<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Art Festival offers FREE admission, FREE parking, FREE children's activities and FREE live entertainment throughout the weekend. All CDC recommendations for holding a safe, Covid Compliant, festival will be followed.

### **Among the many highlights of this year's festival:**

- Nationally ranked and juried fine art show with over 200 artists displaying original works of art in a variety of medias. Hours are Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Children's activities both days geared towards entertaining and engaging children.
- Virtual Student Art Competition for Brevard County residents in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12
- Multiple food vendors serving a variety of cuisine and snack options along with cold beverages including beer, wine, and liquor.
- Live music on the LEXUS Stage from 11:30 am – 5:00 pm including The Combobulators and TruPhonic on Saturday and Penny Creek Band and The Umbrella Thieves on Sunday.
- Browse Melbourne Art Festival Sponsor displays
- The 2021 Art Festival Directory provides a map, schedule of events, and information about artists, judges, the committee, and sponsors including the Melbourne Art Festival's Presenting Sponsor – LEXUS, Marine Industry Association, and Media Sponsors Hometown News and WFIT-FM. Please check out our website for Sponsor, Vendor, and 2021 Festival Directory advertising packages.

The Melbourne Art Festival is a juried Fine Arts Show, drawing artists from throughout Florida and the United States. Originally held in Downtown Melbourne for its first 32 years, the Festival moved to Wickham Park in 2017 due to limited parking, downtown congestion, and space limitations for artists, sponsors, and food vendors.

Proceeds raised during the weekend, along with those raised at Melbourne Art Festival Benefit Art Auctions, are used to encourage and support the arts and art education in Brevard County; Offer Student Scholarships to junior high and high school students for art classes and camps; and funding other educational art efforts and local art organizations. The Melbourne Arts Festival has donated over \$100,000 to the community.

Melbourne Art Festival is a Not for Profit 501-C3 organization whose mission is to promote and encourage artistic endeavors, education and appreciation. The festival is run completely by volunteers. [To volunteer, please visit melbournearts.org](https://www.melbournearts.org)

#### **Melbourne Art Festival Details:**

- **What:** Melbourne Art Festival Presented by LEXUS
- **When:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday April 24 and Sunday April 25, 2021
- **Where:** Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne, FL
- **Saturday April 24, 2021 on the Lexus Stage:**
  - 11:30-2:00 PM - The Combobulators
  - 2:30 – 5:00 PM - TruPhonic
- **Sunday April 25, 2021 on the Lexus Stage:**
  - 11:30-2:00 PM - Penny Creek Band
  - 2:30 – 5:00 PM - The Umbrella Thieves
- **Cost:** FREE Parking, Admission, Entertainment, and Kids Activities.
- **Pets:** The Melbourne Art Festival is pet friendly - please follow Wickham Park rules.
- **More Info:** Visit [melbournearts.org](https://www.melbournearts.org), email [mafinfo@melbournearts.org](mailto:mafinfo@melbournearts.org) or call 321-722-1964
- **Covid Compliant:** All CDC Guidelines will be followed

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