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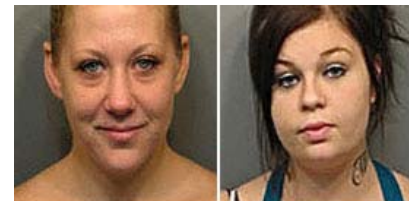
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DETROIT— The democratic, experimental competition known as ArtPrize is returning to Grand Rapids for the third year and aims to lure hundreds of thousands of attendees to the western Michigan city.

ArtPrize begins Wednesday and runs through Oct. 9. Organizers say this year's show will host artists from 39 countries and 43 states displaying their work in 164 venues within three square miles of the city's downtown.

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While the winners of most art competitions are decided by a few professionals, ArtPrize allows any adult to enter and any attendee to vote for the winners.

Founder Rick DeVos says the event is more about the process than the finished product -- giving artists permission to embrace creativity and succeed or fail.

Online:

<http://www.artprize.org>

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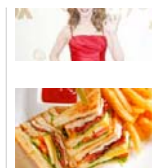
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