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Airport Art Gallery Shows Ralph's Big Day at the Fair

Amarillo photographer and artist Ralph Duke has been selected to exhibit pieces from his new collection, *Ralph's Big Day at the Fair*, at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport. His exhibit captures the colorful background and characters of the 2016 Tri-State Fair.

"It's visual and performance art all in one location," Duke said.

The five photos focus on activity along the fair's midway with food concessions, games, carnies, and side shows. The photos will be on display for three months.



Fire Eater by Ralph Duke

The Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council Arts Committee, the City of

Amarillo and the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport kicked off the Airport Art

Gallery in December, 2013. The artwork is located on a wall just to the left of the TSA security screening hall entrance, almost in the shadow of the Rick Husband sculpture.

"The gallery offers a colorful and creative first impression of Amarillo by showcasing local artists," Angela Knapp Eggers, chair of the Amarillo CVC Arts Committee, said. "When the area's entire artistic and creative activity is taken into account, from professional performing companies to independent galleries and amateur productions, Amarillo enjoys more art per person than most Texas cities."

Cooperating on the project are the Amarillo CVC Arts Committee and Airport Arts Sub-Committee, Tyler Hurst of the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport, and Alex Gregory of the Amarillo Museum of Art.

If you are interested in showing work at the Airport Art Gallery and would like to receive an application contact Kashion Smith at 806-342-2023 or kashion@visitamarillo.com.

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