

Elmhurst's annual 'Art in Wilder Park' gets 'Marvel'ous

Exhibitors bring one-of-a-kind art, plus a 'super' public art installation

In partnership with the Elmhurst Park District and consulting by RGL Marketing for the Arts, Elmhurst Art Museum announces the return of Art in Wilder Park to the heart of Elmhurst this spring. The first outdoor festival of the season, Art in Wilder Park features over 125 exhibitors including local artists, food vendors, a designated Kids Court for family activities, and more. The free-to-the-public event regularly attracts over 18,000 people to the museum campus and takes place May 6-7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 175 S. Cottage Hill Ave. in Elmhurst's Wilder Park.

The highly-anticipated juried festival Art in Wilder Park features a variety of artisans selling one-of-a-kind jewelry, paintings, sculptures, ceramics, prints, fiber arts, and mouthwatering treats from local food vendors.

For the 26th annual Art in Wilder Park, Elmhurst Art Museum presents a newly-commissioned public art installation Superheroes in Wilder Park featuring life-sized superhero sculptures by area artists and youth groups. On view from May 6 to July 31, Superheroes in Wilder Park is a bold preview of the museum's summer blockbuster show Marvelocity: The Art of Alex Ross (May 28-Aug. 20) that features work by one of the greatest artists in the field of comic books.

Presenting an even larger, more inclusive, and accessible event for the whole family this year, Art in Wilder Park will host a variety of kid's activities planned with over 20 community organizations and special appearances by costumed heroes from the League of Enchantment.

"The Elmhurst Art Museum is excited to expand Art in Wilder Park with more exhibiting artists from across the Midwest and attract new audiences with a 'super' public art installation this year," said John McKinnon, executive director of the Elmhurst Art Museum.

"We are excited for the 26th annual Art in Wilder Park, a renowned community event held each spring

with large offerings for the entire family," said The Honorable Scott Levin, mayor of Elmhurst. "We look forward to welcoming thousands of visitors from near and far to enjoy a day at the park, support local restaurants, artisans, and businesses, and celebrate all that the event has to offer."

Superheroes in Wilder Park features new works by Rafael Blanco,

Nez Garza, Dave Pryor, and Charles Williams Jr. along with pieces created by Robert Apolinar with Elmhurst University students, Esmeralda Bolivar with the Elmhurst Pride Collective, John Nester with Glenbard North High School students, and Gloria Rivera with B. Unity mentees.

A full list of exhibitors is available at elmhurstartmuseum.org/events.

