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**There's An Art to Having Fun!**

**October 3-4, 2009  
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Cottonwood Park – Richardson, TX  
Free Admission, Free Parking, Free Shuttle**

RICHARDSON, TEXAS- October 3-4, 2009, the finest artists in the country will set up shop in Cottonwood Park, transforming it into an outdoor gallery during the 40th Cottonwood Art Festival. Cottonwood Art Festival gives patrons the FREE, rare and special opportunity to meet and talk with international visual artists. Each of the artists is there in person to discuss his or her work, or to talk for a while on a fall afternoon. Meeting the artists and learning about their work is just one of the things that makes Cottonwood a truly special event. Ranked "America's #3 Outdoor Fine Art Festival" by the *ArtFair Source Book* (the definitive guide to the best juried art fairs in the country), the 2009 Cottonwood Art Festival will showcase a world-class collection created by 240 artists from all over the U.S.

These artists bring their combined perspectives, virtuoso skills and one-of-a-kind, limited edition works in paintings, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry, fiber art, fine glass, woodwork, mixed media, and photography, to Cottonwood Art Festival which is North Texas' premier fine arts event. Centrally located in the Metroplex at 1321 W. Belt Line Road in Richardson (just one block east of Coit Road), Cottonwood Art Festival has something for everyone and is the perfect way to celebrate a beautiful fall weekend!

*Editors, please note: A complete list of participating artists is available at: [www.cottonwoodartfestival.com](http://www.cottonwoodartfestival.com).*

In addition to the spectacular fine art, Cottonwood also offers delicious cuisine, live musical entertainment, a funtastic children's area, and a beautifully landscaped courtyard/café that borders Cottonwood Lake - the perfect mid-day stop to sit and relax while you enjoy food, spirits, and live music and take in the scenes of the festival. On Saturday, the courtyard is the right spot for music fans, with local musical favorites **Needfire**, **Quinten Hope with Junior Clark**, **Cody Jinks**, **Nathan Johnson and Victor Andrada**, while **Heartstring**, **TheChris Brade Band**, **Zach King**, **John Gaar and the Hopeful Souls**, and **Malford Milligan** close out the stage entertainment on Sunday.

The festivities at Cottonwood Art Festival don't stop with the adult art aficionados!! For the “pint-size Picasso's” in the crowd, there's **ArtStop**, the festival's hands-on, interactive children's area. Over 100 volunteers, life size paint brushes, and activities no child can resist welcome you to a world of art! Ever colored on a gi'normous Monster Mural? Well now you can!! You can also, Pick and Paint a Pot, all you need is a ton of imagination to turn your pot into a masterpiece! Create a crazy critter of your choice! How about throwing some mud...onto a pottery wheel that is!! Potters are on-site to help keep the mud on the wheel! Other activities include Cool Caps, Plaster Way Play, The Mosaic Station, Chalk Board Easels and Magnetic Personalities. This is an experience you can only get at Cottonwood Art Festival....be sure to make that **ArtStop!**

For more festival information including a complete artist listing by medium, band performance schedules, concessionaire menus, and children's activities visit [www.cottonwoodartfestival.com](http://www.cottonwoodartfestival.com) or call 972.744.4580.

Festival hours are: Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 am to 6 pm; and Sunday, Oct 4, 9 am to 6 pm. Admission and parking are free.

Cottonwood Art Festival has it all for the art aficionado, as well as the entire family... Art, Music, Food, and Fun!

Cottonwood is proud to be considered a signature cultural event in Texas and to be nationally top-ranked and award-winning art show – both in the visual artist and special event/festival industries.

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