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Gregory Arth Named Featured Artist at City of Richardson's Cottonwood Art Festival

Offering a contemporary spin on nature and beyond, Arth's original paintings will be on display October 7-8 in Cottonwood Park

RICHARDSON, TX—August 25, 2017 – As a successful fine artist, Gregory Arth's work can be seen all over the world - from art galleries to movie theaters and from luxury shopping catalogs to amusement parks. Now as named featured artist of the City of Richardson's Cottonwood Art Festival, Arth's popular tree series and other selected paintings will be on display at the two-day prestigious art show in Cottonwood Park on October 7-8, 2017.

"It's very exciting to be named Featured Artist," said Gregory Arth. "Cottonwood was the first show I ever did, and it is the one that I've done the most. It's a beautiful setting and I'm honored to present at Cottonwood."

Arth has spent most of his adult life making a living with his talents as an artist. He began his career painting commercial and private murals, theatrical backdrops for ballet and opera companies, and set design and backdrops for the Six Flags Parks while in college.

Today, his murals, ceiling murals and trompe l'oeil work can be seen in some of the finest homes in Texas and around the world. Arth has been featured in a Neiman Marcus catalog for depicting underwater scenes on the bottom of swimming pools. The Cinemark Theater chain displays his mural work and canvas murals in their home office and their theaters around the country, South America and Asia. Arth has sold his works in oil, acrylic, and mixed media. They are seen in panels and canvas in numerous galleries, auctions, and fine art festivals across the country.

Arth's current work focuses on three main themes: the popular tree series, the circuit board and mixed media series, and traditional impressionistic style oil and acrylic paintings.

"I always try to evoke the emotion of happiness, humor, or comfort," said Arth. "I want people to feel good when they look at my stuff. For example, in the tree series, I'm inspired by the cool shade of a beautiful tree in the hot Texas sun."



Arth's work is about being accessible and fun, with a twist.

"Growing up I played in the woods and now as an adult, my studio has many windows, and I look out at my trees all the time," said Arth. "If we lose our dreams and desires and wishes, we can find them again in a tree."

Arth's work will join hundreds of other museum-quality exhibits from around the country during the Cottonwood Art Festival. The two-day event will also include live musical performances, delectable dining options, and a creative children's area called ArtStop.

About Cottonwood Art Festival

Now in its 48th year, the semi-annual Cottonwood Art Festival is a juried show. Jurors have selected more than 240 artists to exhibit their museum-quality work at the festival. The artists compete in 14 categories: 2D Mixed Media, 3D Mixed Media, Ceramics, Digital, Drawings/Pastels, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Leather, Metalwork, Painting, Photography, Sculpture and Wood. The artists' works are available for purchase, as are food and beverages.

- The festival will be held Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, October 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Cottonwood Park is located at 1321 W. Belt Line Rd., one block east of Coit Road in Richardson, TX.
- Parking and admission are free.

Whether shopping for art, listening to music, enjoying the outdoors, or making art of your own – Cottonwood has something for everyone. For more information, go to:

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