

TEMPE FESTIVAL *of the* ARTS

Instructions, Rules & Regulations Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts, December 4 - 6, 2026

Dates To Remember

- **September 9, 2026:** Notice of Acceptance
You will receive an email from me that with your status and Zapp will reflect that status by 3PM Mountain Time.
- **September 22, 2026:** Deadline to confirm and purchase booth
- **October 16, 2026:** Notice of Booth location
- **October 31, 2026:** First Cancellation Deadline (full refund less \$75 cancellation fee)
- **November 1 - 15, 2026:** Cancellations will receive a 50% refund
- **November 15, 2026:** Final Cancellation Deadline. Cancellations after November 15 will not receive a refund.
- **December 3, 2026:** Load-In
- **December 4 - 6, 2026:** 10:00AM – 5:30PM Friday & Saturday, 10:00AM – 4:30PM on Sunday

I was INVITED, what do I do now? If you are new to Zapplication, you can view this video to provide help. [How to Purchase Booths on ZAPP® - YouTube](#)

Here's what you do next ...

STEP 1 – Accept or Decline Invitation

1. Log in to your ZAPP™ account.
2. From the My ZAPApplication page, follow the instructions to accept or decline invitation. The deadline to accept and purchase your booth is September 22, 2026. If your status is still “Invited” or “Accepted” on September 23, 2026 you will be moved to Declined.

STEP 2 – Purchase Booth

1. In your ZAPP™ SHOP, you will see booths and power listed as products.
2. Select the type of booth space and other items you wish to purchase.
3. Next, when purchasing, select “Credit Card/Paypal” to complete purchase. All payments must be made via Credit Card/Paypal.
4. After purchasing your booth, if you have a specific booth request, please complete the booth request form on Zapplication. Booth Requests will not be accepted via email. *If you have shared your preferences in the past, please know that we do not assume the preferences apply to this festival and you should complete the form on Zapp.*

Process for Booth Space & Location Assignment

- Award winners from the past two festivals receive priority placement.
- Artists of the same medium are not placed next to one another.
- We do our best to honor requests that are reasonable.
- We reserve the right to relocate an artist if it is in the best interest of the festival, regardless of what has been purchased through Zapp. All final location decisions are at the discretion of the festival administrators.
- If we are unable to place you in your requested areas, you will be placed as close to your request as your medium category will allow.

Booth Purchasing Information

- When purchasing your booth, the product list is very specific to zone and booth type. Booths are listed by zone.
- Corner booths require the purchase of a Corner Upgrade in the same Zone as the booth purchase. If the Zone of your booth and Corner Upgrade are not the same, the corner upgrade will be reimbursed, and you will have an inline booth.
- To purchase a double booth, please purchase 2 (two) 10x10 booths in your desired section.
- 5x20 spaces are 10'X20' booths; however, not all the space may be accessible because of median landscaping obstructions. These booths require that the back tent legs are in the median and will have some landscaping obstructions.

What to expect weather-wise:

Tempe, Arizona is in a desert. Typically, weather is sunny with blue skies; however, freak weather patterns can happen so be prepared for:

- Temperature: Average highs in December are upper 60s and average lows are in the 50s.
- Wind: Wind gusts can show up without warning. You are **required** to provide 40 pounds of tent weights per leg to protect against breakage of either your own art or your neighbors' property, and potential liability claims from patrons who are injured because of flying canopies.
- Rain: Make sure you are prepared for rain without warning (some booths are in curb gutters, so please notice possible water accumulation areas in your booth while setting up and make plans accordingly).

How to Choose Your Area Location

Below is a description of each section. Please select your preferred area based on what can meet your needs.

Zone A: Red on Map

- 1000 - between 3rd and 4th on Mill Avenue.
- 1100 - between 4th and 5th on Mill Avenue.
- 1200 - between 5th and 6th on Mill Avenue.
- 1300 - between 6th and 7th on Mill Avenue.
- 5000 - between Mill and the Alley on West 5th Street.
- 5500 - first section of East 5th Street.

Zone B: Blue on Map

- 1400 – first section south of 7th on Mill Avenue.
- 5100 - between the Alley and Maple on West 5th Street.
- 5200 - between Maple and Ash on West 5th Street.
- 6000 - west of Mill on 6th Street.
- 7000 - between Mill and Maple on 7th Street.

Zone C: Orange on Map

- 6000 - East of Maple on 6th.
- 1400 - last section on Mill Avenue north of University.
- 6300 – Between 5th & 6th Street on Maple (also Emerging Artist)

Cottage Edibles: 5600 - East 5th Street. Green on Map

Emerging Artists: 6300 - Between 5th & 7th on Maple. Orange on Map

Note about the Fall 2026 Festival

Downtown Tempe is in the midst of a major streetscape project that includes Mill Ave and 5th Street that will affect the layout for the Fall 2026 art festival and possibly future festivals. We are working with stakeholders to determine the impact but anticipate having to adjust some booth spaces. We are currently exploring options and will make every effort to minimize the impact on the booth layout. Please note, in some areas the layout of booths and booth numbers have changed – an updated map will be emailed prior to application notifications. There is a possibility that once booth assignments are complete, booths may need to be adjusted due to construction progress.

By Participating, you are agreeing to all Rules & Regulations in this document.

We have great respect for our participating artists, and therefore we ask that these rules are honored so that quality original artwork is the essence of this event. Any failure to comply with the following Festival Rules will result in immediate removal from the Festival and the Artist will be ineligible to participate in future Tempe Festival of the Arts events. The following rules and policies are provided to ensure fairness to all participating artists and to the buying public.

Permitted Age of Artists - Tempe Festival of the Arts is open to all artists 18 years of age or older.

Artist Must Be Present - The artist/artists who sign the contract **MUST** be present at the show for the entire three-day event. Representatives may not attend in place of the artist. Photo I.D. will be required at check-in. This is intended to give our audience an opportunity to engage with the artists themselves, which creates a greater connection to the works.

Collaborators - Exhibitor assures that he or she has direct hands-on involvement in the creation and execution of each piece of work to be exhibited. Collaborating artists, if accepted, may show only their collaborative works and their names must be listed as collaborators on the show application. Collaborations are intended to be true artistic collaborations rather than business partners. The creative contribution of each artist in the collaboration must be identified on the application.

No Distributors Allowed - Artists involved in distributing volume production for others are not permitted to exhibit. If the artist himself/herself is a distributor or wholesaler, then only work personally created and made by the exhibiting artist is allowed to be presented in the festival.

Rain or Shine Event – Artists agree to be present despite weather conditions. Though rain is not common in the Desert Southwest, each participant is responsible for preparing their displays to withstand weather fluctuations including rain and wind.

Good Neighbor Policy – We expect all our exhibiting artists to show respect and courtesy to their booth neighbors. Please do not engage in any activities that will decrease your neighbor's ability for success. Do not be rude, loud, encroach on their space, engage their customers inappropriately, use strong smelling chemicals, play music too loudly, smoke in or near your booth, or in any way be disrespectful.

Original Work - The Tempe Festival of the Arts has the right to investigate the origins of all artwork presented. If any artwork is found to be not original of the applicant's creation, the Tempe Festival of the Arts has the right to refuse participation without refund. All work - in every category - must be

the original work produced by the exhibiting artist. No "buy/sell," mass-produced component assembly, or other art that is not personally created and produced by the applying artist is permitted. Work which has been produced with commercially acquired kits, molds, patterns, plans, prefabricated forms or other commercial methods is not permitted.

Jewelry - Jewelry can only be present in the booths of those artists in the jewelry category. Please do not sell jewelry or pins if you have not been juried and accepted as a jewelry artist. Chains and chokers not made by the artist may be sold by jewelry artists as part of a unit, but they may not be sold by themselves if they are not original works of the artist. If you apply in another category but the work is jewelry, we will move you in the Jewelry category.

Reproductions - Reproductions of 2D works are to be in limited editions and numbered. Original works should occupy a minimum of 60% of any artist booth, leaving 40% for reproductions. 2D reproductions must be matted.

Only Approved Inventory May Be Included - Only Approved Inventory May Be Included - Work displayed on-site must be consistent with the work shown in the digital images submitted. No work outside of your juried category will be allowed. Festival staff reserve the right to cross-check your application to the work you bring to the event. All displayed work must have been accepted by the jury process.

No Promotional Additions Are Permitted - Exhibitors are prohibited from selling non-original promotional items (i.e., posters, postcards, calendars, tee shirts, mugs, videos, DVDs, etc.) at the Festival. All items exhibited must be submitted for jury approval in their appropriate categories listed on the artists' application.

Disclosure of Licensed Image Sales - If artist has sold or licensed images of his/her original work to commercial concerns and those images which will be displayed at the Festival, the artist must disclose that licensing through on-site public disclaimer signage stating that some of the images being presented have been licensed for reproduction and may be found at commercial sale as reproductions being sold at discounted prices.

On-Site Set-Up/Strike Requirements - All applicants are required to check in prior to setting up and photo identification is required. Booths must be set up by 9AM, open by 10AM and remain open until the official close all three days. Applicants must claim their assigned booth space no later than 8AM Friday or it may be forfeited. Applicants are responsible for removing debris and ensuring the general cleanliness of the area surrounding their booths throughout the Festival and following its conclusion. All artists must complete their load-out by 11:59PM on the last day of the festival. No on-site storage is available unless it is arranged during the booth application process.

On-Site Safety & Security - Applicants shall display all work at their own risk. The Tempe Festival of the Arts and Downtown Tempe Foundation, Inc. are not responsible for damage, theft or loss of artwork or display furnishings. All participants are responsible for their own replacement, comprehensive and liability insurance. Applicants must obey all pertinent safety codes and laws, including, but not limited to fire, safety, and parking regulations.

No Show - If an artist does not check-in and set up for the festival and does not contact the Director, they are considered a "no-show". We understand that emergencies do happen and there will be latitude for such circumstances; however, a no-show will result in forfeiting any future

participation in the festival. Should an emergency or last-minute situation arise, contact the Director immediately.

Tents - Canopy tents must be fire retardant and must be tied down with a minimum of 40 pounds of weight on each leg at all times.

Images - Artists agree that the images provided will be used for the jury process and may also be used for specific event-related publicity. Any other proposed image usage will be arranged through a separate consent agreement with the artist. Event participants agree to allow the use of videos and photographs taken at the event for promotional purposes. Any photos taken by the event are the property of the festival.

Generators and Propane Tanks – The use of a gas-powered generator and/or a propane tank is prohibited.

Theft/Damage - By participating in the festival, all vendors agree to allow Downtown Tempe Foundation staff and Tempe Festival of the Arts staff to act on their behalf in the event that any theft or damage occurs overnight during the festival. Staff will take any reports, notify police, and proceed with the prosecution of individuals on behalf of the artist/vendor. The artist will also be immediately notified.

Removal - Festival staff reserves the right to ask any artist to pack up and leave the festival. Reasons for removal of an artist may include the presence of buy/sell in their booth, conduct unbecoming to the festival and offensive to other artists, staff or attendees, selling of items in their booth that were not included in their application, etc.

COI – All artists that create and sell product that can be consumed or applied to the body (typically Cottage Goods & Craft) **WILL BE required** to provide a Certificate of Insurance for \$1,000,000 with specific language on the COI. Details will be provided upon acceptance to the festival.

Taxes – Artists retain all sales from the festival. It is the responsibility of the artist to collect and remit the 8.1% combined City and State taxes. For more information, visit the Arizona Department of Revenue. <https://www.azdor.gov/Business/TransactionPrivilegeTax.aspx>

Laws/Codes/Rules - Applicants must comply with all Festival, municipal and state laws, rules, regulations, and policies listed in this application, or policies included in the applicant acceptance notification. Any noncompliance will cause elimination and applicant may be immediately removed from the Festival with no refund of fees or compensation for expenditures. Applicants also may be barred from acceptance to future Tempe Festivals of the Arts and Downtown Tempe Foundation, Inc. events. Tempe Festival of the Arts and Downtown Tempe Foundation, Inc., in their sole discretion, may reserve the right to refuse participation by any applicant, entertainer, food vendor or any other such participant for any reason. Downtown Tempe Authority, Inc. and Downtown Tempe Foundation, Inc. and the Tempe Festival of the Arts are not liable for refunds or any other liabilities whatsoever for applicant's failure to obey the rules and regulations or due to the unstable condition of the area in which the Festival is produced, caused by, but not limited to, weather, fire or other calamity, and act of nature, public enemy, strikes, statutes, ordinances of any legal authority or any other cause beyond DTF, Inc.'s control.

Hold Harmless and Indemnification: By completing the application and engaging in participation, all applicants release and holds harmless Downtown Tempe Authority, Inc., Downtown Tempe Foundation, Inc., the Tempe Festival of the Arts, the City of Tempe, Maricopa Count, the State of Arizona, and all event sponsors from any and all liability, as outlines in the rules and regulations. Artists shall be solely responsible for any and all injuries to persons or damages of property or any other injury, claim, damage or loss of whatever nature, arising directly or indirectly from Tempe Festival of the Arts. Artists shall **INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS** Downtown Tempe Foundation, Inc., the Tempe Festival of the Arts, the City of Tempe, Maricopa Count, the State of Arizona, and all event sponsors and its employees, agents and volunteers from and against all liability, loss, damages, claim, damage, loss, cost or expense arising from the Tempe Festival of the Arts.