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Birmingham's Art Walk Event Puts the Spotlight on Local Shops and Artists

BIRMINGHAM, MI, August 28, 2024 – The Birmingham Art Walk event returns on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 5 – 8 p.m. This free strolling event brought to you by the Birmingham Shopping District (BSD) in partnership with the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center (BBAC) and City of Birmingham Public Arts Board, features local businesses and artists, musical performances, special promotions, and more.

"The Birmingham Art Walk is a great opportunity not only to explore Downtown Birmingham's unique shops and the area's incredibly talented artists, but also to make personal community connections," said Erika Bassett, BSD Executive Director. "There's something very special in getting to know the individuals that own our local shops and restaurants and that contribute to the beauty and culture of our community."

New this year, the BSD welcomes Jeffrey Floral Architecture, whose amazing sculptural topiaries will adorn the entrances of participating Art Walk businesses. Art Walk attendees may begin their stroll and pick up an event map at any participating business including Daxton Hotel, Lux Travel Girl, Gazelle Sports, Greene & Company, Rotate Boutique, Ethan Allen and others. The full list of participating businesses and additional information will be available at ALLINBirmingham.com/events in early September.

Additionally, 20 lucky event attendees will win the ultimate night of glitz and glam, with two tickets to Moulin Rouge, courtesy of Broadway in Detroit, coming to Detroit's iconic Opera House this fall. Stop by any participating Art Walk businesses for your chance to win!

"The Birmingham Art Walk is a cultural event that highlights art, fashion and culinary experiences in Downtown Birmingham. It gives our local artists an opportunity to present their work in a city where art is a part of everyday life. With several galleries, public art installations, a performing arts theatre, and eclectic collections at both Daxton Hotel and The Townsend Hotel, unique works of art can be found throughout downtown," said Kamala Cummings, Owner of Lux Travel Girl. Lux Travel Girl will host three

local artists including multi-media artist Anita Sewell, abstract expressionist Dawud Shabazz, and acrylic painter Ja'brion Graham.

Matt Broadwell, Gazelle Sports' Manager, is excited to participate in the event again this year. "Having an artist display their work in the store brings fun conversations along with beautiful colors and aesthetics for our guests."

For more information about the Birmingham Art Walk event, visit ALLINBirmingham.com/events. Parking is available at any of the city's five municipal structures, where the first two hours are always free. Visit ALLINBirmingham.com/park for locations. For more information about the BSD, visit ALLINBirmingham.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

To learn more about the BBAC including programs and other offerings, visit bbartcenter.org. To learn more about the City of Birmingham Public Arts Board and art on display, visit bhamgov.org/art.

Established in 1992, the BIRMINGHAM PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT comprises over 300 retailers, including many of the Metro Detroit most fashionable women and men's clothing stores, restaurants, salons & spas, home design shops, and many other specialty boutiques. The district is also home to offices and a variety of businesses from financial services to technology-based firms. Located among some of the nation's most affluent suburbs, Downtown Birmingham is a center for business, social, cultural, and community activities for Birmingham residents and neighboring communities.

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