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Bayou City Art Festival Downtown Takes to the Streets  
October 13-14, 2007

HOUSTON (Sept. 11, 2007) – The Bayou City Art Festival Downtown will take to the streets of downtown Houston October 13-14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., showcasing the works of 300 fine artists and 19 artistic media formats.

The juried fine art show also features an interactive Creative Zone with free art projects and activities for children, a performing arts stage with ongoing multi-cultural musical and dance entertainment, visual art demonstrations and restaurant and wine cafes.

The 2007 Festival's featured artist is Texas-born-and-bred: Mark Driscoll, a pen-and-ink artist whose cartoons have been published in The New York Times.

Set against the city's dramatic skyline, the Festival transforms the streets in and around Hermann Square (Walker, Bagby and McKinney Street), plus Sam Houston Park, into art-filled promenades. City Hall and the Hermann Square Reflection Pool, with the Art on Water floating art exhibit, serve as its core. In addition, there will be the Broadway in Houston's Broadway Café, and performances in the Reflection Pool by Core Performance Company.

The City of Houston and Houston Parks & Recreation Department, Budweiser Select and KPRC-TV Local 2 are among the Festival sponsors. The Festival is funded in part by grants from the City of Houston through Houston Arts Alliance.

Over the past 36 years, the Bayou City Art Festivals, a 501c(3) organization, has raised more than \$2.2 million for local nonprofit organizations.

Admission is \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under. Parking is available on city streets and for the usual event fee in the City Hall Annex, Hobby Center or Theater District Parking under Tranquility Park.

For schedules and further information check [www.bayoucityartfestival.com](http://www.bayoucityartfestival.com), or call (713) 521-0133.