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FEATURED ARTIST **LIJAH HANLEY**
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LIJAH HANLEY

Lijah Hanley started his photographic endeavors when he won the National Geographic Student Photography competition at the age of 13. He won the opportunity to study under some of the most decorated National Geographic photographers in Peru and England. Ever since then, he has loved capturing the American West, and telling stories through his images. Lijah is joined on his adventures by his wife Gabby, and son Desmond who are by his side, on photoshoots all over the United States.

“My work is inspired by the backroads of the American West, where legend and reality collide in unexpected ways. On dusty backroads beneath dark desert skies, you never know what you’ll find—forgotten towns, a lone cowboy, or something even more improbable. Here, history slips easily into myth, and myth often feels like history, each story blending fact with folklore.

While my work was once rooted firmly in Western imagery, it has evolved to include icons of America’s space-age dreams—set against the same desert landscapes that once defined the frontier. For me, the American West and the Space Race are chapters of the same story: places where optimism, ambition, and myth collide. The astronaut takes the place of a modern cowboy, exploring the unknown.

Like the tall tales of the Wild West, my images ride the line between reality and story. However, it is very important to me that every image I create is 100% real. Each photograph is made using only practical effects and captured in a single exposure—no composites. What you see actually existed in front of the camera.

Images in this series are produced as small fine art editions. All prints are made on museum-grade photographic paper for superior fade resistance and are framed to the highest gallery standards.” - Lijah Hanley

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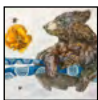
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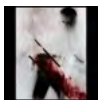


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ACTIVE IMAGINATION ZONE

This hands-on area invites kids to dive into a world of free crafting, where they can cut, color, glue, and build to their heart's content. With plenty of materials and zero limits, it's the perfect space for young minds to express themselves, make something magical, and take their creations home. No pressure, no limits—just endless fun!



FREE INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S PROJECTS

ART REACH - RATTLE & ROLL SHAKERS

BRAVE LITTLE COMPANY - THEATRE IN YOUR POCKET

FRESH ARTS - ARTS DISTRICT CELEBRATION STATION

THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON - FRIDA FLOWER CROWNS

PINK BOWS - PINK BOWS SAFE SPACE

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Baines Family Cuisine - Burgers, Cajun & Lemonade

Best Street Tacos - Classic Street Tacos

Beverly Ann's Cookie Truck - Warm Cookies

Burger Joint - Classic Burgers & Fries

Doc's Street Grill - Caribbean Street Food

Friohana Shave Ice - Shave Ice Dessert

Get Loaded - Comfort Food

Grizzaffi Coffee - Gourmet Coffee & Tea

Ilmioamore Woodfired Pizza - Woodfired Pizza

Kind Ice Cream - Ice Cream, Frozen Yogurt & Sorbet

Kona Ice of Houston - Shaved Ice Dessert

Nomi Street - Asian Fusion

Opa Yummy Catering - Egyptian Comfort Food

Portillo's Food Truck - Chicago Street Food


Texas Cut - Tex-Mex BBQ

Travelin' Tom's Coffee - Coffee & Iced Beverages

Uncle Louie G's, Italian Ice and Ice Cream

Wonder Pops - Real Fruit Frozen Pops

Urian's Taqueria - Mexican Cuisine

 = vegan options

All of our beverage booths offer a variety of beer, wine, soft drinks and water. Several of our food vendors offer lemonade, coffee and specialty beverages.

Craft Beer Garden - Located in Sam Houston Park near the Stella Artois Stage.

Garden Bar - Located at the garden stage, serving a wide selection of white, red and sparkling wine

Multiple Beverage Booths - Cool off with a drink from one of our beverage booths, located throughout the festival.





STELLA ARTOIS STAGE PERFORMERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28



Westbury Highschool Student Band Showcase

(Saturday, 10:30AM - 12PM)

Westbury High School Student Bands showcase the energy, talent, and diversity of one of Houston's standout fine arts programs. These young musicians perform a dynamic mix of original works and traditional styles, reflecting both creativity and cultural heritage.



Charly Siaba

(Saturday, 1PM - 2:30PM)

Cuban Singer Songwriter brings dynamic original music and all-star 5 piece band to fest. Be prepared for original boleros and danceable latin grooves.



Dem Roots

(Saturday, 3:30PM - 5PM)

Born on the shores of Galveston, Texas, this roots reggae band delivers sun-soaked rhythms and soulful grooves with a laid-back Gulf Coast feel. Their music flows effortlessly between English and Spanish lyrics, blending culture, community, and conscious vibes.

GARDEN STAGE PERFORMERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28



DJ Felipe Galvan

(Saturday, 10:00AM - 12PM)

Felipe, the iconic voice behind Los Skarnales, brings his records and turntables to the festival stage. With decades of influence in Houston's music scene, his set feels like a curated hang—easygoing, soulful, and full of timeless local flavor.



DJ Mohawk Steve

(Saturday, 12:30PM - 2:30PM)

A graduate of Houston's legendary arts high school HSPVA, Mowhawk Steve, has grown up behind the decks, honing his craft through years of dedication to the city's music scene. From underground sets to clubs and major festival stages, he played every room! Today, he's a well-loved staple of the scene, known for reading the crowd and turning any space into a vibe.



DJ Funkz

(Saturday, 3PM - 5PM)

DJ FUNKZ, a crowd-favorite has carved out a sound that's equal parts funky, unique, and wildly fun. Known for surprise twists, infectious grooves, and a big personality behind the decks, his sets keep dancers smiling and moving.



STELLA ARTOIS STAGE PERFORMERS

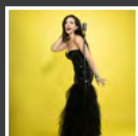
SUNDAY, MARCH 29



HSPVA's Jazz Combo III

(Sunday, 10:30AM - 12PM)

The award winning highschool jazz band performs under the direction of Dr. James Westfall.



Tianna Hall and Houston Jazz Band

(Sunday, 1PM - 2:30PM)

The charismatic bandleader and vocalist for The Houston Jazz Band, Tianna Hall is a Grammy-recognized vocal powerhouse, blending classic and contemporary tunes in a playfull and swinging set.



Son Bayou

(Sunday, 3:30PM - 5PM)

Son Bayou is a local roots cumbia band dedicated to the traditional sounds of Colombia, Mexico and infused with Houston flavor. Their music is earthy, rhythmic and made for dancing - keeping classic cumbia alive for new generations.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29



DJ MLE

(Sunday, 10:00AM - 12PM)

MLE is a sound artist, DJ, and producer whose electrifying sets are rooted in Afro-Caribbean and Afro-diasporic rhythms. Drawing from her Panamanian heritage and upbringing in Houston, Texas, she crafts cross-genre sound journeys that transform the dance floor into a space for healing, empowerment, and collective release.



Radio Sofrito

(Sunday, 12:30PM - 2:30PM)

Radio Sofrito is the DJ and co-producer behind @caribe_funk, known for shaping immersive sets that center Afro-Latin and Caribbean sounds and textures. His sound spans genres across Tropical bass, Afro-Latin funk, global club sounds, and everything in between, bridging the local and the global.



DJ Nimbus

(Sunday, 3PM - 5PM)

dj NIMBUS, a Texas native is the sound of the underground resonating from House Music to hypnotic lounge tracks. Blending the classics to the latest global grooves, dj NIMBUS creates audible soundscapes to intrigue the most discriminant listeners from around the world.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

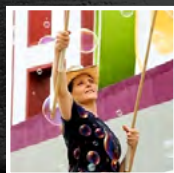
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ROAMING

2 - 4 PM • Hula Hoop Show & Games

1 - 3 PM • Stilt Walkers

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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE SUNDAY

ACTIVE IMAGINATION ZONE

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11 AM - 5 PM • Jennifer Lang

ROAMING

12 PM • Batalá Houston

3 PM-5 PM • Nuncio Acrobatics

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VIP HOSPITALITY LOUNGE

Enhance your Bayou City Art Festival Experience

Enjoy a tented relaxing oasis with light bites and cold beverages where you can meet artists and friends and take a break after a day of shopping. This outdoor lounge area features roaming entertainment under a canopy of beautiful trees, making it the perfect spot to sit back and enjoy a cold beer or a glass of chilled wine. The VIP Lounge is located near the Active Imagination Zone.

\$95 daily ticket or a \$150 weekend pass
Includes admission ticket

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FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS



STILT WALKERS

Keep your eyes peeled for awesome stilt walkers strolling through the festival & don't miss your chance to snap a pic with them!



FESTIVAL MARKETPLACE

Pick up exclusive Bayou City Art Festival merchandise, including t-shirts, posters, and other keepsakes to remember your day.



EMERGE ARTISTS

Discover the next generation of talent in our Emerge Artists section. This curated space highlights rising artists who are pushing boundaries, experimenting with new ideas, and bringing fresh perspectives to the art world.



SELFIE STATIONS

Scattered throughout the park are vibrant installations, including giant 'ART FEST' letters, a musical note, a guitar, a large picture frame, and more captivating displays.

ART ON WHEELS

Showcasing an exciting array of imaginative art cars on display from the Art Car Klub of Houston.





FEATURED ARTIST **LIJAH HANLEY**
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CHEF'S TABLE - SATURDAY

Bayou City Art Festival is proud to announce Chef's Table, a celebration of culinary arts hosted by featured local chefs and restaurants. Each acclaimed chef will craft gastronomic masterpieces in an intimate setting, unveil their culinary secrets and treat guests to an exclusive tasting experience of each unique dish!



Chef's TABLE

AN INTIMATE CULINARY ARTS
& TASTING EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

12 NOON

Mariah Scott
Geneva Blu

1:30 PM

Oscar Santaella
La Taquiza Street Tacos

3:00 PM

Elizabeth Hale
Cake Fine Pastry

4:30 PM

Chef Vince Boisaubin
Chubbies

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CHEF'S TABLE - SUNDAY



Chefs TABLE

AN INTIMATE CULINARY ARTS
& TASTING EXPERIENCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

12 NOON

Chef Heba Elsayed
Opa Yummy

3:00 PM

Chef Wade Schindler
Cotton Culinary

4:30 PM

Elizabeth Hale
Cake Fine Pastry

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VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our volunteers and friends that support the Bayou City Art Festival year after year. We couldn't do it without your dedication and hard work.

Volunteer Benefits

- Free Entry
- Commemorative T-Shirt
- Volunteer Raffle

We always want to make sure our dedicated volunteers have a great experience at the Bayou City Art Festival. As a volunteer you receive a FREE t-shirt which showcases the unique artwork of our featured artist. We provide snacks and drinks at the Volunteer Check-in/Rest Area located near the main entrance.

Join the volunteer team for our next festival, you can help make an impact on the art community. Please sign up for the newsletter for up-to-date information.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS RAFFLE DONORS

- Kendra Scott
- Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
- Houston Zoo
- Tooties
- Spanky's Pizza
- Uchi Restaurants
- The Star Flight Museum
- Houston Interactive Aquarium & Animal Preserve
- BB's Tex - Orleans
- Stages



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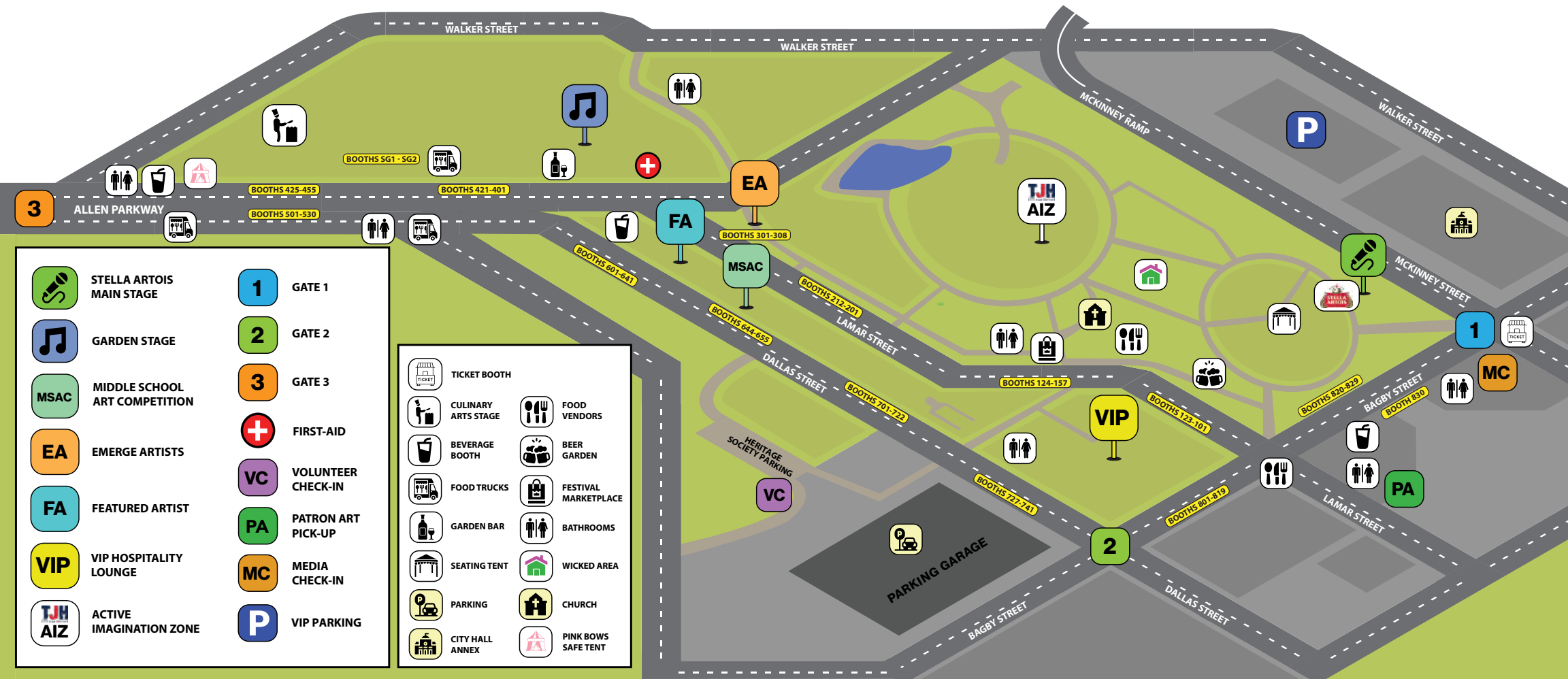
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