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**West Loop Art Fest Returns for its Third Year**  
**New Location at West Fulton Market Provides Even More Art, Expanded Entertainment and**  
**Family Friendly Activities!**

The hugely successful West Loop Art Fest returns for its third year on Saturday and Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the heart of Chicago’s vibrant West Loop; on Fulton Street from Morgan to Racine. Featuring four blocks of amazing art, dozens of live musical acts, interactive artist demonstrations, hot glass blowers, muralists at work on one of the largest pieces in the city, fire dancers, street entertainers, food trucks and more, the West Loop Art Fest is not to be missed!

“This year’s fest is bigger and better than ever,” said Carla Agostinelli, executive director of the West Loop Community Organization, host of the West Loop Art Fest. “It takes place in one of the city’s most exciting neighborhoods, and we’re especially excited about our new location on Fulton Street,” she adds. “Over 120 of the country’s most talented artists, many of whom are from the Chicago area, will be joining us, exhibiting work in every medium imaginable. Between the incredible art, the live entertainment, dozens of food options, art projects for kids, and interactive activities for all ages, this show has something for everyone!”

The West Loop Art Fest runs from 10 am to 10 pm on Saturday, and on Sunday from 10 am to 9 pm. Artists booths are open until 7 pm both days, with the music and food continuing until the close of each evening. “The artists truly appreciate the hip vibe of this neighborhood and how it’s evolved over the years,” says Amy Amdur, president of Amdur Productions and one of the producers of this event. “They recognize how much the West Loop residents love art, and they are excited to share their work and the stories behind each of their pieces.”

“We’ll have live entertainment all weekend long in various locations throughout the fest,” adds Agostinelli. “A variety of genres will keep everyone entertained, including the kids.” Among those performing at this year’s West Loop Art Fest are David Montoya, Lady D., Rae Chardonnay, Bossa Tres, Bumbac Joe, the Carla Prather Band and the Merit School of Music.

Live art demonstrations will be taking place during the weekend including painting by Jas Peterson, Lauren Asta and Jenny Vyas; free form sculpture building by Helen Dannelly; and glass blowing demonstrations by Ignite Glass Studios and Fulton Street Collective.

A special addition to the West Loop Art Fest this year is Rich Alapack, of “[We All Live Here.](#)” Rich will be creating a 40' by 40' pixelated globe mosaic on Lake Street. Festival goers will be able to participate by purchasing a tile and placing it onto the mosaic. Participation in the mosaic will be commemorated with a photo of themselves placing the tile, as well as a print of the completed piece. Sponsors of this project are Daltille and Lyft. A portion of the proceeds will benefit West Loop Community Organization’s safety and art initiatives to “Light up Lake Street.”

For the young festival goers, there is an area just for them where they can participate in “Draw for the Troops,” a new program launched this year. Kids of all ages are welcome to color a special picture for the brave men and women serving our country. At the end of the show, the drawings will be sent to the troops stationed in the U.S. and abroad.

The West Loop Community Organization is pleased to announce that the Face the Future Foundation is the charity chosen for this festival’s Green Ribbon Project. Participating artists will be placing a green ribbon on a piece of art in their booth. If the piece is sold during the West Loop Art Fest, then the artist will donate 10% of the proceeds to Face the Future. Face the Future works to transform the lives of Chicago-area children with cleft palate and craniofacial differences by facilitating access to state-of-the-art medical care and supporting related research and education. For more information, visit [www.facethefuture.org](http://www.facethefuture.org).

Produced by Amdur Productions. Star Events and the West Loop Community Organization, the West Loop Art Fest is free to the public. Parking is convenient with numerous garages nearby. Public transportation will take visitors within minutes of the fest. This year’s sponsors include Google, House of Vans and Threadless.

For more information about the West Loop Community Organization, visit [www.westloop.org](http://www.westloop.org). For more information about the participating artists, visit Amdur Productions at [www.amdurproductions.com](http://www.amdurproductions.com), and for information about the music line-up, visit Star Events at [www.starevents.com](http://www.starevents.com)

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