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Downtown Bellevue's 6th Street Fair ready to celebrate 20th year with 140 artists, live music, free family fun

Arts, crafts, music, big crowds converge downtown July 24-26

BELLEVUE, Wash. (July 20, 2009) – Downtown Bellevue's 6th Street Fair will celebrate its 20th year as a main event in the city's upcoming arts fair weekend, July 24 to 26, 2009. Over three days, more than 300,000 visitors are expected downtown for the Bellevue Arts Museum ArtsFair, the 6th Street Fair, and Bellevue Festival of the Arts.

"Downtown Bellevue is an outstanding host for one of our nation's largest and most prestigious arts weekends," said Leslie Lloyd, president of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA). "Visitors can easily make a full and very entertaining weekend out of exploring all three fairs."

The 6th Street Fair, produced by the BDA since 1990, presents 140 jury-selected artists, live music, and festive food and drink choices in an open-air booth layout at NE 6th Street and 106th Ave NE and Bellevue Galleria's Compass Plaza.

Top Northwest artists will offer a wide variety of original handcrafted sculpture, jewelry, pottery, wood and glass work, fabrics, and home décor items. More than a dozen regional bands and musicians will entertain crowds throughout the weekend.

Complete 6th Street Fair artist information, the live music schedule, and transportation options are available at bellevuedowntown.com. Admission to the 6th Street Fair is free, and the hours are: Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beyond the art this year, supporting sponsor Nintendo will bring its *Wii Sports Resort* to the 6th Street Fair. Visitors can take a break and test their skills at Archery, Air Sports, Basketball, Bowling, Canoeing, Cycling, Frisbee®, Golf, Power Cruising, Table Tennis, Swordplay and Wakeboarding.

Supporting sponsors for the 2009 6th Street Fair are the City of Bellevue, Wii Sports Resort, Evans Glass, Inc., and Matheny Chiropractic Center. Property sponsors are SRO and Bellevue Galleria, and the fair's media partner is the Bellevue Reporter.

The Bellevue Downtown Association is a nonprofit membership organization charged with leading the evolution of Downtown Bellevue as the economic and cultural heart of the Eastside. The BDA also produces the annual Bellevue Jazz Festival, the Live at Lunch Concert Series, the Group Health Ice Arena at the Bellevue Magic Season, Walk Downtown Bellevue, and co-produces the Symetra Bellevue Family 4th with the City of Bellevue.

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