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Georgia Southern University Celebrates ArtsFest

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Georgia Southern University will host its 27th annual celebration of the arts and arts education on Saturday, April 4, on Sweetheart Circle.

ArtsFest 09 is a day of art, music, dance, and more from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival promises to be fun for all ages with a mix of new activities and performances along with festival favorites. This event is free of charge

and open to the public.

‘For the past 27 years, the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art has hosted the spring arts festival, providing ‘a day for the arts’ to Bulloch County and the surrounding region. Generations of families hold fond memories of this event that was once a part of their childhood, and is now part of their own children’s experience,’ said Patricia Carter, Chair, Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art.

‘This year’s ArtsFest will once again capture the best of the visual, performing, literary and musical arts and bring them to campus for all to enjoy,’ Carter continued, ‘Our goal is to provide such a quality and quantity of arts events that attendees end their day at the festival with pure exhaustion and unlimited inspiration from the exhilarating fun they had.’

Festival attendees will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in non-stop music that includes bluegrass, classic rock, southern rock, jazz and step teams, throughout the day. Main Stage performances feature SamaTo, an African Drum and Dance Ensemble and a Battle of the Bands.

The Artists’ Market will allow visitors to watch artists demonstrating their talents in jewelry, folk art, painting, ceramics, sculpture, photography and more. Works will be for sale, including Beads for Life jewelry. The Traveling Foundry is coming to town and invites attendees to watch the wonders of metal cast sculpture and make one.

One can watch Statesboro act, dance, sing and more on the Community Stage sponsored by the Averitt Center for the Arts; and enjoy the Gallery in the Round exhibiting works by young artists in area schools.

Visitors are invited to bring the whole family and make art at over 25 different studio spots. They can create giant bubbles, print a fish, design a flowerpot, make paper, sculpt with clay, paint a masterpiece and craft jewelry. The Humane Society of Statesboro and Bulloch County will hold a pet adoption and children’s festival favorite ‘paint a pet.’ Large appetites are also welcome to feast on BBQ and Festival Food available for purchase all day!

For more information on how you can participate, volunteer, or sponsor an activity, contact Patricia Carter, at (912) GSU-ARTS, or email pwcarter@georgiasouthern.edu. Visit the ArtsFest website for information updates at http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/art/arts_fest.html.

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