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## **20<sup>TH</sup> annual **Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest** announces music headliners, art demos, craft beer stations, and food providers**

**August 20-22, 2021**

*Two music stages headlined by local favorites **Air Credits** and **White Mystery***

*Free art festival featuring over 120 artist-vendors, 30+ live performances, kids' artmaking activities, live art demonstration, and food and drinks from local restaurants*

CHICAGO (August 2, 2021)—The popular [Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest](#) (GAAF) returns in-person to Rogers Park for its 20<sup>th</sup> year on August 20-22, 2021, bringing more than 120 artists and over 30 live music acts on two stages to the **Glenwood Avenue Arts District**, steps from the Morse Red Line 'L' stop at 6900-7000 N. Glenwood Avenue and 1300-1500 W. Morse Avenue. Admission is free to the public. The Fest includes an **art fair**, **live music**, **kids' artmaking** activities, **three craft beer stations**, **food** from local restaurants, and **live demonstrations** of performance art and artmaking.

The festival will kick off with a Friday Night Cobblestone Jam (music only), Friday August 20, 6-10 p.m. headlined by **Joanna Connor** and **Air Credits**. Live music continues on Saturday, headlined by **White Mystery**, and **Tamarie T. & Thee Elektra Kumpany**, and on Sunday, headlined by **Plastic Crimewave Syndicate**, and **Funkadesi**. Other confirmed bands are Amazing Heeby Jeebies, Beats y Bateria, Bev Rage & the Drinks, Bianca Shaw, Bones Jugs, Cass Cwik, Clickbait, Coyote Man, Duke Davenport, Monarchy Over Monday, Osmium House, Ovef Ow, Son Monarcas, Sonic Octopus, The Polkaholics, Tierra Roja, Tinkerbelles, Tommy Carroll, and Wild Earp.

The **Outdoor Art Fair** will run on Saturday, August 21 from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, August 22 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., presenting a diverse selection of over 120 artists and craftworkers, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass, textile, metal, mixed media and functional art. Each booth displays hand-made work by the artist, giving attendees a unique opportunity to purchase original artwork directly from the artist. Mass-produced merchandise is not permitted.

The festival will host two **craft beer stations**, one by the West Stage featuring Empirical Brewery, and the other by the East Stage featuring Sketchbook Brewery. Rogers Park Social will be hosting a beer station in front of its location at 6920 N. Glenwood Ave. **Food vendors** include Badou Senegalese Cuisine, Black Dog Gelato, JB Albertos Pizza, and Urban Tables.

The festival will feature a **KidFest Area**, with free hands-on arts activities for kids provided by the International Arts Group, sponsored by Morse Fresh Market.

There will be a live art demonstration area called **Outrageous Open Arts**, featuring performance arts and artists demonstrating techniques and works-in-progress at Lunt and Glenwood Avenues, beneath the CTA tracks, sponsored by Code Create Art and Science. Saturday programming include: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., enamel arts demo by Leslie Perrino; 2-4 p.m., music performance by [Heritage Jazz Orchestra](#), a 16 piece jazz big band sponsored by Le Piano, which also offers live music indoors every evening of the festival; 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., art demo by Ewa Clark from Whimsical Creations, enamel arts demo by Kathryn Kiel, and European swordplay by Chicago Swordplay Guild. Sunday programming include: 11 am-1:30 p.m., poetry by Chicago Labor & Art Collective; 2 - 5 p.m., “**Traverse, An Animatronic Puppet Show & Workshop**” by Code Create Art and Science; 5:30 - 7 p.m., art demo by Ewa Clark from Whimsical Creations.

In light of the evolving public health situation and the Delta variant, the Fest asks everyone, including those vaccinated to wear masks while at the Fest whenever possible. The Fest will happily provide masks for anyone that needs them, and there will be hand sanitizer and wash stations throughout.

GAAF is presented by the Glenwood Avenue Arts District, with additional support by Chicago Presents, a program of Mayor Lightfoot’s #Arts77—a citywide arts recovery and reopening plan for all of Chicago’s 77 community areas—and the nonprofit Rogers Park Business Alliance. The GAAF 2021 planning committee is Gregory Altman, Mary Bao, Diana Berek, Jeff Cory, Jim Ginderske, Alan J. Goldberg, Alicia Hempfling, Carolina Juarez, Jessica Oloroso and Tom Rosenfeld.

**Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest** is a free, weekend-long street arts fair serving an estimate of 15,000 festival-goers annually. For nearly two decades, visitors have experienced fine art and crafts, music, live demonstrations, and local food and drink on the cobblestone streets of the Glenwood Avenue Arts District in Chicago’s historic Rogers Park neighborhood. Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest is a broad-based, grassroots and non-profit event planned and staffed by volunteers. For more information, visit [glenwoodave.org](http://glenwoodave.org).

**Glenwood Avenue Arts District** features artist studios, music venues, and numerous restaurants and bars. It is located in the heart of the Rogers Park neighborhood, which is also well known for its theaters, including Lifeline Theatre, The Factory Theater and Theatre Above the Law, which make up one of the city’s hottest theater corridors.

**Rogers Park Business Alliance** (RPBA) is a nonprofit organization that has served Chicago’s diverse Rogers Park neighborhood for 28 years. RPBA works to cultivate and sustain a thriving economic environment in Rogers Park, serving businesses and residents with a variety of public events and business initiatives. RPBA programs include the GROW/PROGRESANDO entrepreneurial training program, the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Rogers Park Business Alliance, annual Best of Rogers Park awards, Chalk Howard Street and Taste of Clark Street festivals, and the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market. For more information, visit [RPBA.org](http://RPBA.org).

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