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30th annual Artists of the Wall returns on Father's Day weekend bringing over 150 community murals to Loyola Beach in Rogers Park June 17-18, 2023

Free interactive art festival will feature vibrant murals, live music, kids activities for families and beyond

CHICAGO (May 24, 2023)—The nonprofit **Rogers Park Business Alliance** (RPBA) is excited to announce the 30th annual **Artists of the Wall** festival, returning over Father's Day weekend, <u>June 17-18</u>, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Loyola Park and Beach between Farwell and Morse. A longstanding community event hosted by Loyola Park Advisory Council, the free-admission festival will feature over 150 murals, 6 live band performances, and a kids' tent, offering entertainment for families and beyond all weekend long. For more information on the festival, go to http://www.loyolapark.org/aotw/.

The **150+ murals** created by various artists and residents were inspired by this year's theme, "Stories of the Wall." A **kids' tent** will be available with performances by Synapse Arts on Saturday at 11 a.m. In addition, the festival will feature **6 live band performances** of folk, rock and jazz music in the meadow in Loyola Park at the Farwell Street entrance, on <u>both days of the festival from 12 – 3:15 p.m.</u>: <u>Cielito Lindo</u> will kick off Saturday's musical entertainment at 12 p.m. followed by the <u>Isaiah Spencer Organ Quartet</u> at 1:15 p.m., and <u>Hinda Hoffman with the Soul Message Band</u> after at 2:30 p.m. <u>Crossing Borders Music</u> will start Sunday's music performances at 12 p.m. followed by <u>Joanna Connor</u> at 1:15 p.m. and ending with <u>Lucy Smith's Autumn in Augusta</u> at 2:30 p.m.

The festival is a fundraiser for the Loyola Park Advisory Council, an all-volunteer team of Rogers Park residents, with donations made at https://www.loyolapark.org/donate. The festival's sponsors include Bark Place, Clark and Devon Hardware, Maria Hadden for Alderwoman, RP Social, Taste Food and Wine, Jarvis Tavern, R Public House, Cafe Nova, J.B. Alberto's Pizza, The Lord Companies, Northwestern University, Rogers Park Business Alliance, Target, Giordano's, Honeybear Café, Loyola University Chicago, and Mary Bao.

Rogers Park Business Alliance is a nonprofit organization that has served Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood for 30 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 Festival, Taco Crawl, and the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

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