



BENSON FIRST FRIDAY 6.2.2023

AN ART WALK IN THE BENSON CREATIVE DISTRICT!

ON STREET

1. Artist Markets 🏳️‍🌈 Maple St. @ Military Ave & 62nd St. [6-10]

- 50+ Artist Vendors and Featured Pride Vendors
- Street DJs : Be-ezii Uggo DjB & J Benson
- Live Artists: Lando Bando Art Factory, Jae Meyer, Brutal Doodles, 2neuro & Art Melika
- Art Installations by Kim Darling, Mary Ensz, Mark Andrew
- Rainbow Gallery feat: Sara Bradshaw, Shay, Scar Baudelaire, Cedar & Cory Moeller

2. Omaha Mobile Stage 🏳️‍🌈 JUDYJAM drag show [7:00 - 9:00]

3. Nebraska AIDS Project 🏳️‍🌈 Community Partner Village + Outdoor Installation by Evan Marnell

4. Ted & Wally's 🏳️‍🌈 All Ages ART CLUB [6-8pm] To Go Kits + In-Person Activities - ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED!

- feat artist: Zoey McKamy / Glass Demo by Isabella Manhart
- Live Music by: Starlite Walker, Levee + Karaoke w/ Rike
- Clothing Swap with Swap Omaha

5. Pedicabs 🏳️‍🌈 Rides are FREE but please tip your pedalists!

6. On-Street Projections 🏳️‍🌈 (After Dark) feat digital animations by Kim Darling in collaboration with Aaron Gum

OPENINGS AND EVENTS [7-10pm]

7. Petshop 🏳️‍🌈 Opening Reception: A Clean Sheet of Paper // work by Sovia e Bossemeyer

- 🏳️‍🌈 PROCREATE: a parent & child collaborative art show

8. Studio 62 Art Lounge Open Hours [7:00 - 10:00]

9. MaMO Gallery 🏳️‍🌈 Where Do You Go When You Dream?: work by artist in residence Eve Lanik

10. Shakedown Street Tavern 🏳️‍🌈 Pie Fairy Street Crepe Pop Up!

11. Lover Luxuries FREE GIFTS & The Tunnel of Love

12. Eleven Eleven 🏳️‍🌈 featured artist: GuessWork

13. Hardy Coffee 🏳️‍🌈 Originals Only: Local Music Showcase hosted by Mad Darling [7:00 - 9:30pm]

14. Trudy's 🏳️‍🌈 To Go Kits + In-Person Activities -TEENLINE featured artists: Elena Nygard and Maisy Wasenius

- DIY Felt Rainbow Workshop with Rowena B Bennett
- Open Studios ft. Aksarben Creative, Dark Marbles, Guesswork Studios + VSmith Healing Art and Design

15. Choice Gallery 🏳️‍🌈 VARMITS new work by Kim Darling

16. BFF Gallery 🏳️‍🌈 Sorgin Argibide Ortizadar Maiteminduta // work by Amanda Caillau

17. Maple St. Construct

18. The Sydney 🏳️‍🌈 Featured Artist: Evan Marnell & Art Melika

Friend of BFF Happy Hour w/ Safe Space Band [6:00 - 7:00]

19. Benson Theatre 🏳️‍🌈 GPTC Variety Show [8:00 PM]

20. Virtuoso 🏳️‍🌈 Get a slice & thank them for sponsoring BFFzz #17!

21. Ming Toy Gallery 🏳️‍🌈 Don't Let the Name Deceive You / work by Amy Haney [6 - 9]

22. Edge of the Universe 🏳️‍🌈 PRIDE Chalk Wall!

23. Star Deli 🏳️‍🌈 Queer Group Show [7:00 - 9:00]

24. Jake's Cigars 🏳️‍🌈 Featured Artist: Ang Bennett

25. Dungeon Crate 🏳️‍🌈 Sword Dueling Demos and Vendors [5 - 9]

26. Nebraska AIDS Project 🏳️‍🌈 NAP Gallery presents: Sexual Health Art and Artifacts

27. Benson Little League 🏳️‍🌈 Sandlot Fun Days [5 - 6:30]

WINDOW DISPLAYS

28. Burke's Pub 🏳️‍🌈 featured artist: Kim Darling

29. Five Nine 🏳️‍🌈 Cyanotypes by Allegra Hangen and Israel González

30. Edward Jones 🏳️‍🌈

31. Benson Brewery 🏳️‍🌈 featured artist: John Sandau

LATE NIGHT [After 9pm]

32. Shakedown St. 🏳️‍🌈 CTRL + ALT + DEL w/ Amanda + Crabrangucci and DJ Grazy

33. The Sydney 🏳️‍🌈 Queer Nite presents: PRIDE RAWQ w/ E Rawq, Pure XTC, DJ Keydash, Faleasha Savage, Alana Viviana, and Milo Nova

34. The Waiting Room Omaha Rocks Unplugged 5

35. Reverb Lounge Midwest Home Bass Vol 7

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FIRST FRIDAY OUTDOORS

Life in the age of Covid is complicated.
Now you can enjoy First Fridays ... from a distance.

Pick up a brochure at any Artist Market HQ or scan the QR below!

WINDOW DISPLAYS

Rotating artists each month, these on-street window displays can be found at 1912, Burke's, Five Nine, Benson Brewery, & CHOICE Custom Framing, among others.

TO-GO ART KITS

Pick up a FREE to-go art kit and take it to your at-home artist studio. These kits are ALL AGES & available while they last.

AFTER DARK PROJECTIONS

The sun goes down and the projections go up! Keep an eye out for digital art projections at various locations.

LIVE ARTISTS

Catch a glimpse of a live artist working in their natural element.

STREET DJs

Put some pep in yer step as you stroll the streets of Benson.

PERFORMERS

It's standing room only at this on-street music venue featuring various performers (May-Sept only).

ON-STREET GALLERY

Look for the "Rainbow Gallery" on-street outside of Petshop.

PUBLIC ART SCAVENGER HUNT

Wander the neighborhood ALL SUMMER LONG and collect selfies with public art works to WIN PRIZES. (May-Sept only).

COVID-19 RESOURCES



MORE INFO & VIRTUAL EVENT



SCAVENGER HUNT



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...and to ALL our Business Members

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Ming Toy Gallery, Nebraska AIDS Project,
Omaha Roller Derby, Saint Paul Benson, Star Deli,
Sundee Event Center, Taco Co., The Sydney

Tonight's Member Perks**
(only redeemable as a Friends of BFF member)

@ Benson Brewery Half off draft beer 3-6pm

@ Beercade \$1 off all drinks!

@ Burke's Pub Buy one Apple Pie Shot, get another for a PENNY (3-6pm)

@ Chingon Buy one get one TACOS

@ Edge of the Universe Free cookie with drink purchase

@ Infusion Brewing \$1 off all drafts

@ Jake's Half off Sangria on tap!

@ Kai Tei Buy one get one SAKÉ

@ St. Andrews \$1 off Tap Beers & Sangria until 7

@ Star Deli 10% off your purchase

@ Ted & Wally's FREE scoop of ice cream

@ The Sydney \$1.00 off all drinks!

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