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For Immediate Release

Two Great Art Fairs, One Great Weekend – and This Is It!

Downtown Ferndale will be full of art all weekend with the staging of the Funky Ferndale Art Fair AND the DIY Street Fair from Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18. MotorCity Casino Hotel is the presenter of both fairs.

- The Funky Ferndale Art Fair (FFAF) covers West Nine Mile Rd., from Woodward west to Planavon, and features a juried collection of work by more than 100 local and national artists. Adding ambiance to the FFAF is mellow accoustical music line up and special participation initiatives such as a Family Arts Project and a Toilet Paper Mache demo. In addition, Detroit's Heidelberg Project Artist Tyree Guyton will make a rare personal appearance at Elegance by Design from 1–4 pm, Saturday, Sept. 17 to sign advance-release copies of his new book "Magic Trash." Elegance is located at 231 W. Nine Mile Rd., in the heart of the FFAF.

FFAF hours are: Friday - 4 – 8 pm
Saturday - 10 am - 7 pm
Sunday - Noon – 5 pm

- The DIY Street Fair takes place on East Troy Street, one block south of Nine Mile Road and east of Woodward. The DIY features the work of local artisans and quirky crafters who produce an array of extraordinary products from hand made soaps to t-shirts to paintings, photographs and more. In addition to its 100+ vendors, the DIY also features more than 50 live music acts and an entire area designed to engage children in the fun of arts & crafts. Also on tap are two beer garden areas featuring WAB brewed beer.

DIY hours are: Friday - 5 pm - Midnight
Saturday - Noon - Midnight
Sunday - Noon - 11 pm

- In addition to the DIY & FFAF scheduled art and entertainment, many downtown businesses have made art part of their business mix for the big weekend. Among them:

Twisted Shamrock, 276 W. Nine Mile Rd. - Meet Alan Clancy, designer of Tara's Diary Beads, from 4-9 pm, Thursday, Sept. 15.

Painting With A Twist, 320 W. Nine Mile Rd. – Paint your own art as PWAT celebrates its 1 year anniversary. Drop in or pre-register at 248-850-7182. All Day Friday & Saturday.

Downtown Ferndale Bike Shop, 163 W. Nine Mile Rd. – Watch Detroit graffiti artist Shades transform a white wall into something amazing. The work starts begins at 5 pm Friday and continues until completion.

For assistance in coverage of this event, please contact Chris Hughes, Communications & Marketing Manager of the Ferndale Downtown Development Authority at 248-546-1632 or at chughes@downtownferndale.com.

The Ferndale Downtown Development Authority is the economic redevelopment engine for Downtown Ferndale and as such manages and markets approximately 3.9 linear miles of property and businesses that comprise the district. For more information about the Downtown Ferndale, please call the DDA at 248-546-1632 or visit its website at www.downtownferndale.com.

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