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City of Ontario
Ontario Museum of History & Art

Ontario Arts Festival 2023

The Ontario Museum of History & Art and the Chaffey Community Museum of Art (CCMA) are excited to present the annual Ontario Arts Festival, occurring Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 10am – 5pm. Now in its fifth year, the festival, exemplifies the City's commitment to making Ontario the destination for arts and culture in the Inland Empire. This one-day event features over 50 artist booths, as well as other attractions for Festival visitors, including free entry to museums, live music, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, art activities, and more.

The Festival features a wide range of juried artists and mediums, including but not limited to, fine art, textiles, ceramics, digital art, photography, jewelry, metal, wood and more. Additionally, this year an artist booth will be designated "Best in Show" by the Festival's jurors. The winning booth will receive a \$500 award.

"The goal of the annual Ontario arts festival is twofold- it is an opportunity for regional artists to showcase their work, and a great place for community members to start or grow their art collection by supporting local talent in the IE." said Marissa Kuchek, Director of Ontario's Department of Museum, Arts & Culture

The beer and wine garden will feature Strum Brewery and Joesph Filippi Winery. Proceeds from the purchase of beverages will benefit programs at the Chaffey Community Museum of Art. Various food vendors will also be in attendance, providing gourmet hamburgers, barbecue, artisan pastries, Latin cuisine, and more.



Live American and Latin Jazz music will be provided by Inland Empire performer Homero Chavez y Una Noche. Band leader Homero Chavez is a world class drummer/percussionist who was nominated for the first education Grammy in 2014. He has also performed and traveled internationally, playing with numerous artists in different music genres.

“New and returning Festival visitors will find all their favorite things – collection-worthy art produced by local artists; a great jazz ensemble; excellent street food; locally-produced beer and wine; and the opportunity to visit two museums – all in one location. Truly worth setting aside the time to attend the Festival,” said Nancy Dediemar, CCMA’s Community Liaison.

Visitors will be able to attend several exhibitions that will also be open and free to the public. At the Ontario Museum of History & Art, visitors can see the new permanent exhibition, *Built on Water: Ontario and Inland Southern California*, as well as *Dia de Los Muertos: Recuerdos de Sabores/Flavorful Memories*, which is celebrating its 25th year at the museum.

The Chaffey Community Museum of Art, known for showcasing visual art with regional artists, will have on view several shows, including *Beyond Words*, a group exhibit exploring the profound interplay between language and visual expression, and the annual *West End Photo Invitational*.

The Ontario Arts Festival is free and for all ages. It occurs from 10 AM – 5 PM on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at 217 S. Lemon Avenue, Ontario, CA 91762.

To learn more about the Ontario Arts Festival, visit: OntarioMuseum.org/Ontario_arts_festival.

About the Ontario Department of Museum, Arts & Culture:

The Department of Museum, Arts & Culture (MAC) enhances understanding and appreciation of our Inland Empire community through dynamic exhibits, collections stewardship, family-friendly educational programs, cultural events, and public art. MAC reflects pride in our legacy, where we live, and who we aspire to be. We support artists of all backgrounds who create experiences that are inclusive, innovative, and relevant.



About the Ontario Museum of History & Art:

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is located at 225 S. Euclid Avenue, Ontario, California 91762. Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday, Noon to 4 PM, and Saturday and Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM. Admission is free. For more information call (909) 395-2510, email MuseumInfo@ontarioCA.gov, or visit www.OntarioMuseum.org. The Ontario Museum of History & Art is a public-private museum operated by the City of Ontario with support from the non-profit Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates.

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The City of Ontario is enhancing the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just east of Los Angeles and Orange counties, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as a gateway to Southern California. With major freeways, rail transportation and an International Airport, Ontario invites the rest of the world to be a part of a culturally diverse community with rich history that is well positioned for quality development and economic sustainability for its residents. Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Toyota Arena, and Ontario Mills. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit OntarioCA.gov or call (909) 395-2000.

