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Canyon Road Spring Art Festival **May 6 & 7 | Friday & Saturday** *Experience the World of Art on Canyon Road*

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The Canyon Road Merchants Association has announced the schedule of events for Canyon Road Spring Art Festival – its annual Mother’s Day Weekend art extravaganza. The event opens on Friday evening with an Art Walk, gallery openings, and artist receptions at many of Canyon Road’s 100 world-class galleries. Art lovers will have the opportunity to bid on works by established and emerging artists in Silent Auctions that will be held at many of the galleries.

Special events, headlined by the Artist Slow Draw and Live Auction, continue throughout the day on Saturday at multiple venues on Canyon Road. All events are free and open to the public. For event details, please go to VisitCanyonRoad.com.

Saturday Road-wide events

10am Galleries open, artists set-up at designated locations
10am – 4pm Silent Auction bidding at galleries
11am – 1pm Artist Slow Draw

Saturday Big Tent Events - Wiford Gallery & Sculpture Garden | 403 Canyon Road

1pm-2:30pm Student musicians perform
3pm-5pm Live Auction Registration 3pm-6pm Silent Auction
4pm Cocktail Reception
5pm Live Auction– all works produced by artists in the Slow Draw will be sold

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The Canyon Road Spring Art Festival is an annual event sponsored by the
Canyon Road Merchants Association

Canyon Road Spring Art Festival 2016

Experience the World of Art on Canyon Road

Gallery Openings | Music | Artist Receptions | Art Auctions | Exceptional Food | Artists at Work | Shopping

You're invited to spend the weekend on historic Canyon Road in Santa Fe for this exciting special event that connects art lovers with world-class artists and galleries in the famed art destination. The fifth annual Canyon Road Spring Art Festival (formerly called Passport to the Arts) is presented by the Canyon Road Merchants Association with the support of artists and the community. The works of more than 100 artists will be offered for sale in Silent & Live Auctions.

"The Canyon Road Spring Art Festival is a unique and exuberant event as it showcases the extraordinary talents of artists while they create LIVE ART in one exhilarating day, in one of the most exceptional art districts the world has known," said Nancy Ouimet, Board Secretary of the CRMA.

Friday Events

Enjoy myriad special events including gallery openings, artist demonstrations & receptions, new exhibits, live music, wonderful shopping, and delightful savories from the road's exceptional eateries. The intimate interiors and lovely gardens of the century old adobes that line this historic road invite exploration.

Silent Auctions: Visit the many Canyon Road galleries that have selected special works of art for Silent Auction. Items offered include paintings, sculpture, glass, jewelry, weavings, and pottery. Items will be on display and bids may be placed at many locations on Canyon Road.

Saturday Events

Artist Slow Draw: 70 Canyon Road gallery artists will have 5 hours to start and finish an original work of art in during one of same main events. Artists will work from 10am – 3 pm challenged to complete the creative process under the watchful eyes of spectators, the pressure of time, and light and temperature conditions they cannot control. It's a rare opportunity to observe a large number of diverse artists working in the most challenging circumstances.

Sculptors, jewelry makers, potters, and artists of all creative persuasions participate, using an array of media, and techniques refined over years in studios.

Artist Reception: Artists will set aside their brushes, palette knives, paints, and tools to attend a cocktail reception in the late afternoon. Meet the artists and preview works of art that will be offered for sale in the Live Auction.

Slow Draw Live Auction: Excitement and the smell of fresh paint will fill the air when the Live Auction begins immediately following the Artist Reception. Art buyers will find contemporary, abstract, modern, expressionistic, figurative, and traditional pieces in a variety of media in the auction catalog. This is an exciting, very fast-paced event. Artists and galleries

are donating a portion of proceeds to support the Santa Fe Public Schools Music Education Program.

More about Canyon Road

Canyon Road evolved from the natural contours of the foothills. It follows the Santa Fe River as it meanders toward Santa Fe’s historic Plaza and was originally used by Native peoples. Over time, the trail became a residential lane running along the Santa Fe River.

Canyon Road became a Mecca for artists in the late 1800’s. The unique and magical quality of the high-desert drew artists who were inspired by the wealth of natural beauty and the colorful rituals and culture of Native peoples and Spanish colonists. By the turn of the century, Santa Fe had become a full-fledged art colony.

Unlike many other art districts, Canyon Road holds a place in art history due to its natural evolution. Its old-world architecture has been retained and is as authentic as the art it houses. This strength of character and deep roots will help to retain the integrity of the district for years to come.

2016 Annual Events

Friday Night Openings	Every Friday May thru October
Edible Art Tour	Friday, June 10 th
Paint Out & Sculpt Out	Friday & Saturday, October 14 th & 15 th
Halloween Treat or Treating	Monday, October 31 st
Christmas Eve Farolito Walk	Saturday, December 24 th

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The Canyon Road Merchants Association is a nonprofit organization comprised of 100 small businesses on and around Santa Fe’s historic Canyon Road. A majority of the members are owners and directors of galleries with backgrounds as diverse as the artists they represent.

The association formed in late 2010 and already has an established reputation for organizing public events, supporting local business interests, and using its group strength to promote Santa Fe’s historic Canyon Road. An international art destination for decades, there are 100 fine art galleries and artist studios, interspersed with world-class restaurants and one-of-a kind boutiques, designer jewelers, and shops.

More information about Canyon Road and annual events is available on the Association’s website VisitCanyonRoad.com.