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**Midsummer Nights' Fair 2011  
July 8 & 9, 2011, Lions Park**

NORMAN, OK – Summer days may be stifling, but the nights are just right when Lions Park comes alive during the Firehouse Art Center's Midsummer Nights' Fair. July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-11:00 p.m, this fun arts festival features high quality artwork, live music and fun for the whole family. Behold – and purchase, if you wish – the stunning artwork offered by the visual artists chosen for the festival. Children participate in hands-on art projects, and festive foods can be enjoyed all evening. When the live music from local bands resonates from dual stages, the park becomes an impromptu dance party. Join in the revelry with your Norman neighbors, and enjoy great artwork at the same time!

**About the Festival**

The Midsummer Nights' Fair is an opportunity for the community to celebrate the visual arts, while enjoying live music, great food, and free children's art activities!

The fair includes 30 - 40 unique and high-quality artist booths, encompassing painting, drawing, pottery, jewelry, glass, woodworking, and additional art mediums for viewing and purchasing. All artwork is original and for sale.

Additionally, the Midsummer Nights' Fair features a large central tent in which Firehouse faculty members will be giving demonstrations and providing opportunities for children to create with clay for the Firehouse Art Center's Creative Clay Animal Project.

For children interested in painting, the fair also features the Children's Art Wall; at the art wall, children are free to express themselves through painting and will be assisted by Firehouse faculty members. An adult art wall, where local artists are encouraged to sign up to create a 4' x 4' panel during the event, will be available for creative artists.

Live music will be set up on two stages; performers to be announced.



The Midsummer Nights' Fair is the Firehouse Art Center's way of giving back to the community. "The Norman community is so supportive of the Firehouse Art Center, that we like to use this opportunity to say thank you each year with this wonderful event," said Douglas Shaw Elder, Executive Director of the Firehouse Art Center.

The Firehouse Art Center will host the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Midsummer Nights' Fair on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9, 2011, from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. both nights. This event will be held at Lions Park, at the corner of Flood Avenue and Symmes, just north of the Firehouse Art Center. For additional information on the Midsummer Nights' Fair, contact Carla Chew at the Firehouse Art Center, 405.329.4523, or visit [www.normanfirehouse.com](http://www.normanfirehouse.com).

### **Information for Artists**

Those artists interested in creating a 4' x 4' panel on the adult art wall should contact the Douglas Shaw Elder either by phone, 405.329.4523, or by email, [elder@normanfirehouse.com](mailto:elder@normanfirehouse.com).

Artists wishing to participate by having a booth at the Midsummer Nights' Fair can find downloadable applications available on the Firehouse Art Center's website, [www.normanfirehouse.com](http://www.normanfirehouse.com), or can email [info@normanfirehouse.com](mailto:info@normanfirehouse.com).

**ABOUT THE NORMAN FIREHOUSE ART CENTER** – The Norman Firehouse Art Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization that serves Norman and surrounding communities by offering visual art classes for students of all ages, as well as gallery exhibitions of the highest quality.