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BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM

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## Just around the corner: Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair (July 24 - 26) presented by Microsoft, plus BAM announces 2009 Carol Duke Artist Awards of Excellence winners

### Quick facts:

**What:** 2009 Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair

**When:** Friday - Sunday, July 24, 25 & 26, 2009

Friday & Saturday: 9:30 am - 9:30 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am - 6 pm

**Where:** Bellevue Arts Museum and Bellevue Square

**Bellevue, WA** – A staple of the craft community for over 60 years, the **Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair** presented by **Microsoft** is the largest and most distinguished, juried arts festival in the Pacific Northwest. Spanning three days, July 24, 25 & 26, 2009, **BAM artsfair** is a multi-faceted, free family event showcasing over 300 unique exhibitors from the Pacific Northwest and across the nation, plus live performances, artist demonstrations, **kidsfair** and much more.

### Highlights of the 2009 BAM artsfair include:

- **325 juried exhibitors** offering unique, handmade arts & crafts that are hard to find anywhere else. Media include drawing/pastels, fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, metal work, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wearables and wood. 90 artists are participating for the first time.
- **kidsfair** sponsored **Overlake Hospital Medical Center** featuring over 8,000 square feet of fun, hands-on art activities for children, *Billions of Bubbles*, *Sock Puppets*, *Museum Passport*, *Preschool Play*, *Painting Studio*, *Tie-Dye Art* and all-time favorites *Bubbles the Clown* and *Zany Worms!*
- **Chalk It Up!** sponsored by **Comcast** – a free outdoor chalk activity for children big and small in front of the Museum on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Admission to **BAM artsfair** as well as **Bellevue Arts Museum** is FREE throughout all three days of the festival.
- **Arts in Action Demonstrations Stage** sponsored by **MulvannyG2 Architecture** featuring woodturning, stone carving, screenprinting and more.
- **Brian Major chalk painting:** Celebrated chalk artist Brian Major will once again recreate a famous masterpiece in chalk thanks to the generous support of **Orthodontic Excellence**.
- Special exhibit of **Carol Duke Artist Awards of Excellence** winners at Bellevue Place from July 20 - 26 (see below for details). **\*NEW\***
- **International Origami exhibit** at Lincoln Square and Bellevue Square from July 13 - 26, featuring creations by origami artists from around the world. **\*NEW\***
- **Delicious concessions** featuring non-profit partners such as Bellevue Rotary, Eastside Shrine Club and the Greater Bellevue Lions Club.

## The 2009 Carol Duke Artist Awards of Excellence

Each year, ten **BAM artsfair** artists receive the prominent **Carol Duke Artist Awards of Excellence** sponsored by **Tiffany & Co.** The award is named in honor of one of **BAM artsfair**'s original managers and passionate arts activist, Carol Duke, and comes with a \$1,000 prize for each recipient. This year's jurors include Stefano Catalani, Curator, Bellevue Arts Museum; Betina Finley, Chair, Bellevue Arts Commission and Abigail Guay, Exhibitions Director, Open Satellite (all Bellevue, WA).

## The 2009 Carol Duke Artist Awards of Excellence winners are:

**Ceramics: Matthew Allison**, Seattle, WA

**Wood: Terry Evans**, Overland Park, KS

**Jewelry: Jill Hurant**, Morganville, NJ

**Wood: Souphom Manikhong**, Sacramento, CA

**Ceramics: Lynne Meade**, Oakland, CA

**Fiber: Kimberly Morris**, Wallowa, OR

**Ceramics: Brian O'Neill**, Bellingham, WA

**Wearables: Jeung-Hwa Park**, Providence, RI

**Jewelry: Eric Silva**, Whittier, CA

**Fiber: Samuel Yao**, Ann Arbor, MI

## A brief history of Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair

Now in its 63<sup>rd</sup> year, the **BAM artsfair** started out in 1947 when the Pacific Northwest Arts and Crafts Association presented the first outdoor community arts festival at Bellevue Square. 70 artists came to showcase their work, supported by 30 dedicated volunteers. Attendance was estimated at 30,000. Today, the **Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair** is the largest and most prestigious arts event on the West Coast, featuring over 300 exhibitors and relying on over 400 devoted volunteers to make it a success. Every year, more than 350,000 people come to Bellevue to engage with some of the finest artists from our own backyard and across the country.

## Artful Evening

Bellevue Arts Museum's Annual *Fundraiser*, **Artful Evening** (previously known as the Patron Party), will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 22. The event features a lively reception and silent and live auctions highlighting works from many **BAM artsfair** artists. Tickets are available online at [http://www.bellevuearts.org/artful\\_evening/ticket\\_info.htm](http://www.bellevuearts.org/artful_evening/ticket_info.htm).

The **BAM artsfair** is presented by Microsoft. Additional sponsors include Overlake Hospital Medical Center, The Bellevue Collection, MulvannyG2 Architecture, Comcast, Clear Channel Outdoor, Renewal by Andersen, Orthodontic Excellence, KOMO 4 Television and The Seattle Times. Artful Evening is sponsored by David Wright Tremaine LLP, GLY Construction and Tiffany & Co.

For more information on the 2009 **Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair** and other Museum-related programming, to schedule interviews with participating artists or to receive press images, please contact Tanja Baumann (see contact information above).

## About Bellevue Arts Museum

**Bellevue Arts Museum** is the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of art, craft and design. A leading arts center on the Eastside, **BAM** celebrates regional, national and international artists working in a broad range of craft media, including ceramics, fiber, metal, wood and glass. The Museum also offers a unique array of free or low-cost educational programs such as artist demonstrations, lectures and workshops as well as a variety of engaging and fun hands-on kids activities. [www.bellevuearts.org](http://www.bellevuearts.org)