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Laumeier Sculpture Park Hosts 29th Annual Art Fair on Mother's Day Weekend, May 6–8, 2016

(ST. LOUIS, MO)—Laumeier Sculpture Park will host its 29th Annual Art Fair, presented by Emerson, on Mother's Day weekend, May 6–8, 2016. More than 15,000 patrons attend this annual three-day event on Mother's Day weekend, featuring local food and beverage vendors, hands-on activities for kids, special wine and beer tasting events, live music and 150 juried artists from across the country exhibiting work in ten categories. Media categories include ceramics, fiber/textiles, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography/digital, printmaking/drawing, sculpture and wood.

Highlights of the weekend include Friday evening's Art of the Vine, a special wine tasting event featuring unlimited samples of local and international wines, while Saturday afternoon's Art of the Ale beer tasting event features unlimited samples of classic, seasonal and special-release beers. The City of Sunset Hills Music Festival on Saturday afternoon features performances by Johnny Fox, Dawn Weber and Rock Fight, and Kevin Bilchik Blues. Laumeier's Creation Location, free with Art Fair admission, is open throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, offering activities and entertainment for kids and families. Concessions vendors for the weekend include Capitalist Pig BBQ, Drunken Fish, Gelato di Riso, Mediterranean Foods, Mission Taco, Old Tyme Kettle Korn, Pie Oh My!, Pyro Pizza, Straub's and The Nutty Sisters.

Laumeier received more than 400 artist applications for this year's Art Fair. All artists ages 18 and up who exhibit work of original concept, design and execution are eligible to apply each year beginning in October the year prior; total participation is limited to 150 artists. The 2016 Jury Panel included Juan William Chávez, Artist and Director, Northside Workshop; Dr. Jeffrey Hughes, Professor of Art History and Criticism, Webster University; and Gretchen Wagner, Independent Curator. Cash and prizes totaling \$5,000 are awarded to those artists judged the best overall, regardless of media category, on Saturday, May 7. The 2016 Judges Panel includes James McAnally, Co-Director, The Luminary, and Editor, Temporary Art Review; and Marilu Knode, Executive Director, Laumeier Sculpture Park.

What: 29th Annual Art Fair, presented by Emerson

Where: Laumeier Sculpture Park, 12580 Rott Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63127

When: Friday, May 6, 6:00–10:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Admission: \$10, Ages 12 and up; \$5, Ages 6 to 11; Free, Ages 5 and under

Special Events: Art of the Vine
Friday, May 6, 6:00–9:00 p.m.
\$12, Ages 21 and up
Art Fair admission required

Art of the Ale
Saturday, May 7, 5:00–8:00 p.m.
\$12, Ages 21 and up
Art Fair admission required

Admission for Art Fair, Art of the Vine and Art of the Ale can be purchased at the gate or in advance at www.laumeier.org. No physical tickets.

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Laumeier Sculpture Park is a living laboratory where artists and audiences explore the relationship between contemporary art and the natural environment. Founded in 1976, Laumeier is one of the first and largest dedicated sculpture parks in the country, making it an institution of international significance as well as a unique complement to the cultural landscape of the St. Louis region. Laumeier is a nonprofit, accredited art museum that operates in partnership with St. Louis County Parks. Projects and programs are supported by the Mark Twain Laumeier Endowment Fund, the Regional Arts Commission, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Missouri Arts Council and the Arts and Education Council of St. Louis. Laumeier presents 60 works of large-scale outdoor sculpture in a 105-acre park available free to the public year-round, and serves 300,000 patrons annually through temporary exhibitions, education programs, public events and sculpture conservation.