

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: through March 11, 2012**

What: Bonita Springs National Art Festival  
Where: The Promenade at Bonita Bay  
When: March 10-11, 2012 (10am - 5pm)  
Public contact: (239) 495-8989

**Bonita Springs National Art Festival**  
**Our 25<sup>th</sup> Festival - Reputation - Originality - Excellence**  
**211 Juried National & International Artists**  
**Artists from 473 cities and 4 countries applied to exhibit in our 2012 Festivals**

**Tens of thousands of people attend each year**  
**100% of the Proceeds support Center for the Arts many programs**

**Our Festivals are highly ranked and nationally recognized**  
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Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, 2012, 10am-5pm, the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts an exceptional outdoor exhibition featuring 211 nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. A spectacular festival, known for first-rate originality and excellence features one of a kind paintings, glass, jewelry, clay works, mixed media, sculpture and photography.

This high quality **Fine Art & Fine Craft** event offers a rare opportunity for art lovers in Southwest Florida to meet and obtain the work of exceptional, award-winning artists from 33 states, Canada and Europe. The Festival will be held at the Promenade at Bonita Bay known for its character, charm and ambiance at South Bay Drive and Tamiami Trail, 1½ mile North of Bonita Beach Road. All proceeds from the festival support Center for the Arts programming and its mission to provide opportunities for artistic expression, education and appreciation to everyone regardless of economic ability.

As Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs President, Susan Bridges pointed out,

“Hundreds of thousands of people attended our 24 festivals at the Promenade. They come back each year because they know the art is truly outstanding and there is something for everyone. It is like a walking tour of exceptional art galleries, but this one is set up outside in sunny Florida.”

A community event, the Bonita Springs National Art Festival is supported by:  
The Promenade at Bonita Bay, Premier Properties, The Lutgert Group, and the Bonita Daily News & Bonita Banner.

There will be plenty of free parking. Food and beverages will be available on site. While there is no admission fee for this event, Center for the Arts volunteers will be asking for an optional \$5 donation from visitors to support Center for the Arts community programs that provide arts experiences year round for thousands right here in our own communities.

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