

Art & Museums

Little artists everywhere

Unearth your child's inner Van Gogh and Kahlo at these inexpensive art fairs.
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	OLD TOWN ART FAIR	FOUNTAIN SQUARE ART FESTIVAL	GOLD COAST ART FAIR	DUSABLE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL	WICKER PARK FEST
THE DEETS	June 11, 12 10am–6pm; \$7 donation oldtowntriangle.com/fair	June 25, 26 10am–6pm; \$5 donation cityofevanston.org	July 9, 10 9am–7pm; free gcartfair.com	July 9, 10 noon–8pm; free dusablemuseum.org	July 23, 24 noon–10pm; \$5 donation wickerparkfestchicago.com
LOCATION	Wisconsin Street between Sedgwick Street and Lincoln Avenue	Sherman Avenue and Church Street, Evanston	The Green at Grant Park, 352 E Monroe St	740 E 56th Place	Milwaukee Avenue between North Avenue and Wood Street
KID ACTIVITIES	Free and paid crafts will be available for children as young as 2. Create crayon rubbings, make tissue-paper flowers, and even have a go at the Lillstreet Art Center pottery wheel. Mad Science Chicago will also be on hand.	The kids' tent is so jam-packed with crafts, your family may never leave. Learn how to make your own paper quilt or weave Native American-inspired god's-eye with sticks and yarn. Channel your inner Harry Potter by assembling a magic wand with stars, gems and feathers.	Kids can get their hands dirty (pictured, left) at Make-A-Messterpiece's traveling bus. The mobile studio has everything you need—paint, glitter, bubbles—to create a splat-tastic work of art.	Children learn about African culture and customs at this 37th annual fair. Construct drums and shakers out of natural materials such as calabash (a bottle-shaped gourd) and construction paper.	Children craft abstract art with paint and plaster (above) under the guidance of Bucktown's Easel Art Studio, or connect with Mother Nature by making a bird feeder. And who wouldn't want to decorate (and devour) their own cookies with sprinkles and frosting? Activities last till 6pm.
ADULT ACTIVITIES	Parents can take a garden tour and enjoy work by more than 200 artists. When you're done with all that, let a caricature artist capture your inner child.	Enjoy the sights provided by a collection of more than 225 artisans, or take a stroll through Fountain Square's sculpture gardens while enjoying live jazz.	Balancing the Messterpiece mayhem, the festival provides a clean-up station. You'll want to stop there before perusing all the nicely hung works by more than 350 artists.	Beat the summer heat with free popcorn and family-friendly films like <i>Harriet Tubman: The Promised Land</i> and <i>The Princess and the Frog</i> . AfricanAncestry.com conducts a workshop on tracing your heritage.	Wander over from the kids' area to the main event and soak up local food, crafts and live music from popular indie rockers Wavves and Wild Flag.
ARTIST TO EMULATE	Ceramic artist Peter Voulkos	Story quilter Faith Ringgold	Abstract painter Jackson Pollock	Chicago musician and crafter Douglas Ewart	Conceptual artist Yves Klein