

4 Bridges Arts Festival 2008

Volunteer Opportunities

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Dates:

Friday: April 18, 9am – 6:30pm

Saturday: April 19, 10am – 5pm

Sunday: April 20, 11am – 7pm

The 4 Bridges Arts Festival is an extraordinary event in Chattanooga each spring. Located at the First Tennessee Pavilion site on the trendy Southside of Chattanooga, this Festival features a Fine Art Market showcasing over 150 local, regional and nationally recognized artists. You will be able to meet and talk to the artists and buy their one of a kind creations. Mark your calendars for April 19 & April 20, 2008. The 4 Bridges Arts Festival is presented by First Tennessee and produced by the Association for Visual Arts (AVA) in Chattanooga, 423-265-4282.

AS A VOLUNTEER, YOUR HELP IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS GREAT ARTS EVENT. Each year more than 150 volunteers donate their valuable time and energy to the 4 Bridges Arts Festival. We need volunteers for the Kid's Art Creation Area, Hospitality, Booth Sitters, Café Workers, AVA Booth and Art Market Set-up and Breakdown. Please read on for job descriptions and contact information. **Opportunities are below. Two-hour shifts are available during the times slots listed.**

Art Market Set-up and Breakdown (Friday 9am – 4pm; Sunday 5pm – 7pm)

These volunteers are the backbone of this Festival. They help artists unload artwork and set up booths. They also direct traffic, and give information about tent locations. After the Festival they help artists reload artwork, break down booths and help with general clean up.

Patron Preview Party Set-up (Friday 3pm – 6pm)

These volunteers will assist with both set-up and the catering for our Patron Preview Party on Friday night, April 18, 2008. Set-up will begin at 3pm and the party begins at 6:30pm. Duties may include decorating, setting and clearing tables, carrying drinks, etc. This is your chance to brush up on those party-throwing skills.

Festival Store

(Friday 8am – 5pm; Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 6pm)

These volunteers will be on the fast-paced front line during the Festival. Duties will include volunteer check-in, selling Festival merchandise, answering questions, assisting with customer surveys, etc. This volunteer must have lots of patience and be able to multi-task!

Booth sitters

(Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm)

Booth sitters will assist artists by offering to watch the artists' booths in 15-minute increments to give the artists a break. You'll need to commit to a two-hour shift. Artists will have an opportunity to "pre-register" for booth sitters.

Café Worker

(Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 5pm)

This volunteer keeps the café area tidy for our Festival goers. You will be responsible for bussing tables, but will not have to empty trashcans. This friendly volunteer will make sure our guests are comfortable while they relax, dine and listen to music.

Kid's Art Creation Area

(Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm)

Volunteers for the Kid's Art Creation Area will be working with children of all ages. Things in the art tent are fun and fast-paced! You should be outgoing, very responsible and patient with young children. Please be punctual and ready to make a mess! You must be comfortable experimenting with a variety of media.

Hospitality

(Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 5pm)

Volunteers for this area must have a cheerful, pleasant and welcoming disposition. You'll be meeting people from all over the region, many of whom are new to the area. You'll need to commit to a two-hour shift. You'll do things like keep the patron/artist hospitality area stocked with snacks and drinks, serve snacks to artists and maintain a clean and friendly atmosphere in this area.

Greeters

(Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11 am – 5pm)

Greeters need to have a big smile with a loud and outgoing personality. They stand at the entries to the site and greet guests, pass out the "*Day of the Festival*" brochure and answer questions.

Let us know as soon as possible if you can work. Email us with your volunteer information at lmurray@avarts.org. Please include your name, address, phone number, job request, and which day and hours you'd like to help out. **Without people like you, this Festival wouldn't be successful. Thanks for the gift of your time and energy.** We can't wait to see you!

About AVA

Since 1986, the Association for Visual Arts has been dedicated to the promotion of original visual art and to the artists who create it through creation and exhibition; education and outreach; appreciation and participation. AVA's programs and services strive to nurture the community's cultural life and incorporate the visual arts as a necessary part of civic life. AVA is a non-profit organization and is funded by memberships and donations; exhibit and program fees; Allied Arts of Chattanooga and the Tennessee Arts Commission.