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Event combines music, theater, arts

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There will be plenty of art on display throughout downtown Northville this weekend.

The Arts and Acts fine arts fair will include everything from traditional paintings to music, film and live theatric productions, according to Sue Taylor, a member of the Northville Arts Commission (NAC).

“This all-encompassing arts event is an expansion to the 22-year old Art in the Sun art fair,” she said.

Taylor said she and another NAC member brought the idea back from a festival that takes place every year in Charleston, SC.

“Northville has all of the same qualities; we have a passion for the arts,” she said.

The event features the traditional Art in the Sun, which features more than 75 artists in a variety of mediums. That will be open from 1-7 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

There will also be a Northville Film Festival, which will take place at Genitti’s Hole-In-The-Wall, that will feature three Michigan films, along with Unbeatable Harold” featuring Gordon Michaels, Dylan McDermott, Gladys Knight and Henry Winkler.

The Sandbox Play Festival will take place at the Tipping Point Theatre, featuring four original plays by Michigan playwrights. Shows are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

There will be live music, throughout the weekend, too. The music starts at 1 p.m. on Friday with the Sheila Landis Trio. Other featured performers include Beth Stalker & Jim Rawlings; Bon Temp Roulle.

On Saturday, John Holk & Carrie Shepard kick things off at noon; the Duffy King Coalition, Doug Deming & The Jeweltones also perform that day.

Sunday will feature Robin Horlock, beginning at noon. Paul King & Scott Gwinnell will close down the festival from 2-4 p.m.

Taylor said the plays were written by Michiganders. The three short films featured at Genitti’s were, too.

“We’re trying to place as much emphasis as we can on Michigan artists,” she said. “We’re trying to support the local economy.”

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