# First Friday Fest

**A special celebration of creativity in the heart of Wichita**
Join us across the city core for a vibrant and expanded edition of Wichita's beloved First Friday art crawl! A celebration of the Wichita art scene, **First Friday Fest** brings the heart of the city to life with gallery receptions, public art unveilings, sidewalk chalk murals, live music and more.

Whether you're a local art lover or a visitor discovering Wichita for the first time, this event invites you to explore our creative core and celebrate the energy, talent, and imagination that defines our city.

**Date & Time:** Friday, Oct. 3, 5 – 9 p.m.
**Location:** Throughout downtown Wichita and nearby neighborhoods!
**Cost:** Free and open to the public

Featuring:

- Gallery openings and art exhibits
- Live street music
- Chalk art contest
- Public art unveiling

# What to Expect

**Douglas Avenue Chalk Art Contest**
Sidewalks become canvases as artists compete in a chalk art contest along Douglas Avenue. Wander through a gallery underfoot and watch the artworks take shape in real time.

**Contest:** Artists will be able to work on their 12'x12' concrete canvases on Friday, Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
**Judging:** Friday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m.
**Location:** Ruffin Building, 101 N. Broadway St., Wichita, KS 67202

Learn more here.

**Gallery Alley Art Unveiling**
Celebrate the debut of a new large-scale sculpture by local artist Mike Miller — an installation of fish forms bringing life and movement to Gallery Alley. Part of a broader downtown refresh, this unveiling will kick off evening events during First Friday.

**Date & Time:** Friday. Oct. 3, from 5 to 5:45 p.m.
**Location:** Gallery Alley, 616 E. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67202

**Sunset Sounds**
Enjoy pop-up musical acts at unique downtown locations celebrating the Wichita music scene.

**Performers will being playing at the following locations from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

- Afinke Machine at Chester I. Lewis Reflection Square Park
- Henry Miller on Douglas Avenue at the Ruffin Building
- Jasmine Meza with Ryan Linares at 501 E. Douglas Ave.

**Gallery Crawls + Maker Pop-Ups**
Explore local galleries, open studios and maker pop-ups across the city core. Whether you're looking to buy art, meet artists, or just get inspired, there's something around every corner.

View all First Friday exhibits and gallery receptions.

**Get Involved**
**Want to activate your space during First Friday Fest?**
We welcome partners, performers, artists and local businesses to join the celebration.

Email: info@downtownwichita.org
Submit your First Friday reception or exhibition at www.FirstFridayICT.org.