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Art Fair at Laumeier returns for Mother's Day Weekend

St. Louis, MO (May 7, 2008) — Laumeier Sculpture Park opens its annual Art Fair this Mother's Day weekend. The Art Fair opens Friday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. and continues through Sunday, May 11. Hours are: Friday, May 9, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The three-day event, in its 21st year, features 160 artists, music, entertainment, hands-on art activities for children, and a wide variety of food and drink. The 160 artists come from 26 states, from Massachusetts to California and Florida to Montana, and two Canadian provinces (Ontario, British Columbia). Artists will exhibit work for sale in 11 categories: clay, digital, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking/drawing, sculpture and wood. A total of \$10,000 in prizes will be awarded to those artists achieving excellence. Among the 160 artists are 12 returning award-winners from 2007.

The event kicks-off Friday night with Art of the Vine – a wine-tasting event (with a separate admission charge of \$12 for unlimited tastes) featuring regional wineries including Stone Hill, Crown Valley, Peaceful Bend, Les Bourgeois and Meramec Vineyards. Local R&B duo, Mo and Dawn, will perform and a pair of interpretive performances by artist Tom Brady will highlight Friday night's entertainment in the Wine Garden. Saturday's activities will include a Jazz Festival sponsored by the City of Sunset Hills that includes performances by Lamar Harris and The Hot House Sessions. Creation Location, a hands-on art activity area for children, will be open during Fair hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Admission to the event is \$8 for ages 12 and up, children 6-11 are \$5, and children under 6 and members are free. Advance tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com. This is a rain or shine event. Pets are not permitted in the park during Art Fair. Free parking is available in adjacent parking lots. Complimentary parking shuttles will also run continuously during Art Fair, from the Sunset Hills Office Park, 3555 Sunset Office Drive (off Watson Road, across from the Sunset Hills Shopping Plaza).

Art Fair at Laumeier is sponsored by Emerson, Dave Mungenast Lexus, UMB, Maritz (Volunteer Corps), Sachs Properties (Creation Location), the City of Sunset Hills, Sachs Properties, Aronson-Endowed Chair for Modern+Contemporary Art at UM-St. Louis and St. Louis County Parks. Additional sponsors include The Regional Arts Commission, the Arts and Education Council, the Missouri Arts Council and the Mark Twain Laumeier Fund; media sponsors: the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Sauce Magazine, FOX 2 KTVI and ALIVE Magazine; and numerous in-kind sponsors.

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Laumeier Sculpture Park is located at 12580 Rott Road in St. Louis County, near Interstate 44 and Lindbergh Boulevard. The park is open daily from 8 a.m. until ½ hour past sunset. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, call 314-821-1209 or visit us at www.laumeier.org.

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