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ART IN THE PARK SOLD OUT !

(Windsor, Ontario) For vendors, it's now waiting-room-only for this year's **Art In The Park**.

"We're completely sold out", event chair Shari Cunningham said. "Last year we had just over 200 vendors. As of today we have 275 registered and a waiting list of vendors who hope to get into the park if someone else cancels. But best of all, nearly a third of this year's vendors are new to Art In The Park".

Under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918), the 32nd annual **Art In The Park** will be held on the grounds of Willistead Manor on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, 2010. This year, shopping hours have been extended from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

All of these exhibitors from across Ontario and Quebec will again display and sell their creative handiwork in attractive booths and displays arranged around the Willistead Park perimeter. Their attractive wares range all the way from traditional fine art and sculpture to photography, jewelry, wood, metal and even digital art.

"Art In The Park is one of only a few "juried" art exhibitions, at which standards for quality and acceptance is at a consistently high level", Ms. Cunningham said. "Each exhibitor is scrutinized to ensure that the artist created their work themselves – no resale items are allowed. This high standard sets Art In The Park apart from most of the other regional craft shows in the province".

Lively music will also be an important feature of this year's **Art In The Park**, which will – for the first time -- offer headline entertainment in the park on Friday evening as well as during the main event Saturday and Sunday. The renowned *Sunparlour Players* will headline *Blues & Roots Night* in Willistead Park on Friday evening June 4, the night before the gates officially open for the art show. Also on the 5:00 p.m. Friday evening program are Ron Leary and Kelly Hoppe, the Johnny Rocca band and Johnny V Blues.

Beer, wine and other refreshments will again be available in the *Spirit Tent*, which will also offer great musical entertainment on Saturday and Sunday.

Children will also have their own special entertainment venue in the kids' *Playsphere* – another new feature at this year's Art In The Park.

Visit www.artintheparkwindsor.com for more details on all of these exciting activities.

Proceeds from Art in The Park go toward supporting local special needs children, youth and adults as well as the ongoing restoration of Windsor's architectural jewel, Willistead Manor. To date, this eagerly anticipated annual cultural event has raised more than \$1 million.

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