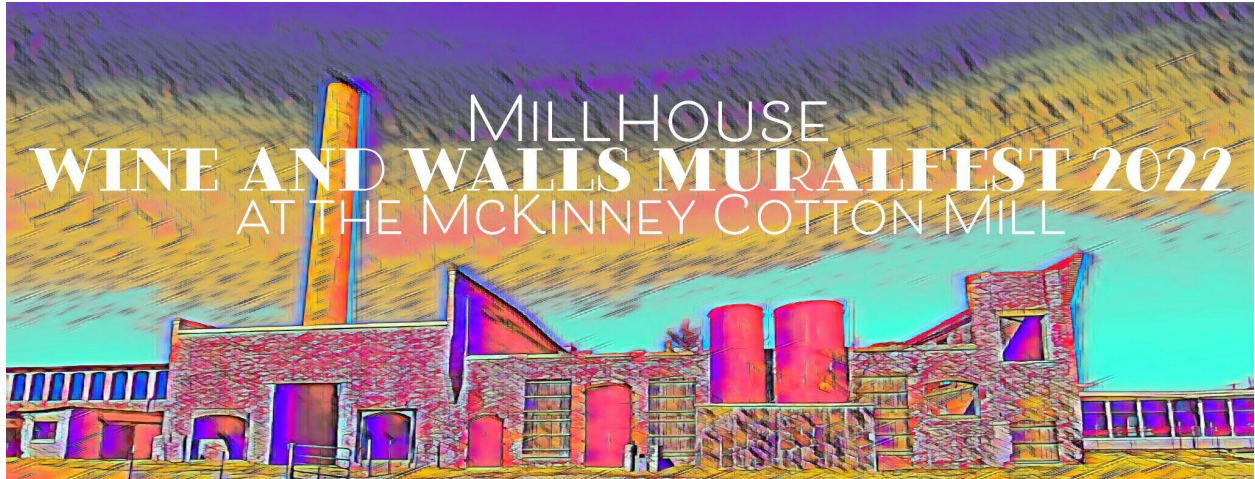


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MillHouse Wine and Walls MuralFest Held June 18-19 at the Historic Cotton Mill in McKinney, Texas.



MillHouse and the Cotton Mill Partners, Ltd. invite you to attend our first juried Mural Festival, held at the Cotton Mill located at 610 Elm Street, McKinney, Texas 75069.

The festival will be held on Father's Day Weekend, Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19 from noon to 6 pm. The Friday evening Meet-the-Artists reception on June 17 is open to VIP PASS holders. MuralFest is open to the public free of charge.

Twelve artists have been commissioned to paint original mural designs on featured locations at the historic Cotton Mill facility throughout the festival, and ten artists will create 48x60 mobile murals, which will be auctioned off during the festival. The sale proceeds will benefit the artists and MillHouse Foundation.

Festival participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and shade umbrellas to watch muralists paint original designs on the historic Cotton Mill, sip wine from local wineries, sample tasty morsels from food vendors, and shop for art, jewelry, and handmade products from local and regional vendors. Participating Texas wineries include McKinney's Landon Winery, Caudalie Crest from Celina. Fresh Mex, CJ's Kitchen, and Beefd Up BBQ food trucks will be available. Renowned cellist Joseph Kuipers will perform during the Friday evening Meet-the-Artists Reception, and again on Sunday. McKinney musician Wesley Phillips will perform throughout the festival.

Tickets are available for preorder online. The \$100 VIP PASS includes 20 tastings, a festival wine glass and T-shirt, admission to the Meet-the-Artists opening reception, and access to the VIP shaded waterfall garden throughout the festival. Tickets are \$40 for 20 wine tastings. Food and drink tickets are \$20 for 20, and will be available for purchase during the festival.

Ivanevid will be our featured muralist, along with over a dozen other muralists that will be participating in MuralFest: Pernie Fallon, Audie Pope, Bree Smith, Angela Pitts, Valerie Studer, Becca Gordon, Christa Diepenbrock, Josh Rhodes, Molly Frisby, Linda Herbert, and Juju Bartush. Their south-side murals will join multiple murals on the north side of the Cotton Mill building, which are part of the MillHouse Public Art Program. Their murals will be available for viewing for one year.

There will also be canvas muralists whose murals will be available for purchase through online bidding at <https://app.galabid.com/muralfest2022>. The canvas muralists are Denise Kendrick, Susan Hoemke, McKenzie Beiler, Deb Goetz, and Anindita Dasgupta.

Handmade products will be available for purchase through local and regional vendors. These vendors include Whole Life Style Brands, Lavanya Challa, Maderas Bellas, Paper Crafted Bliss, Day Stringer Designs, Ranch Hand Originals, Angel Creations Jewelry, Glassjeannedesign, BFF by Infinite (Cake Pops), Glazed Ceramic Studios, and All Season Dolls.

Funding and in-kind support is provided by the Cotton Mill Partners, Ltd., McKinney Arts Commission, Visit McKinney, and McKinney Community Development Corporation, and Landon Winery.

Mural Signature Sponsors are funding the muralist stipends: Appian Commercial Realty; City of McKinney; Priscilla and Bill Darling; Encore Wire; Independent Financial; Michael and Angie Jones; Kraft-Oake Real Estate; Love Life Foundation; Metro Linen; Valley Creek Dental Care; Matt Parker, DDS; and 33 Restaurant Group. Their names will remain on the murals for the upcoming year. Like Confetti is providing support for the mobile canvas mural process.

MillHouse Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(6) charitable and educational organization to promote female artists and entrepreneurs. The Foundation partners with the Cotton Mill Partners to offer art festivals to showcase local and regional talent, and to bring art patrons to historic McKinney to shop, eat, and enjoy our marvelous city. Sister nonprofits, MillHouse Foundation and MillHouse McKinney, operate out of the Cotton Mill to lift up micro-business women in creative fields. Learn more about MillHouse Foundation at <https://millhousefoundation.org>.

The McKinney Cotton Mill is a century-old historic structure, currently home to a thriving Wedding and Event Venue and many businesses, including MillHouse McKinney and Tupps Brewery. The Cotton Mill, built in 1910, played an important role in the intersection of agriculture and industrialization in the early 1900's. When Texas embarked on a twenty-year cotton mill campaign to expand the market for locally-grown cotton, McKinney leaders built the Cotton Mill to keep Texas' top agricultural product within the state for processing. In the 1960's,

McKinney's Cotton Mill (producing Texas Textile Fabrics) was the largest denim manufacturer in the world until 1969. The Cotton Mill Partners, Ltd. purchased the property in 1996 and have been actively renovating the property into mixed use development. The Cotton Mill now houses 11 different office tenants working in various industries such as digital marketing and environmental engineering. The Cotton Mill is continuously evolving and has plenty of space for more to join our culture. Learn more about the McKinney Cotton Mill at <https://mckinneycottonmill.com>.

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The Festival website offers information for participants, muralists and vendors:  
<https://millhousefoundation.org/muralfest>

Tickets are available at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/millhouse-wine-and-walls-mural-festival-tickets-271375931717>