Awkward Arts Market at

Exciting News!!! A date has been tentatively set for the opening of our **Awkward Arts Market at ACE ARENA**. Starting September 27th, the market will be open on Sundays from 1 PM to 6 PM, and our game room will be open until 8 PM. That's right! We'll be opening for gaming on Sundays too!!!

What To Expect: Our **Awkward Arts Market at ACE ARENA** offers a fun, exciting opportunity to meet your audience face to face inside a unique venue! It's also a great way to network, and more importantly for many artists and artisans, a great way to sell. Our goal is to provide the highest quality event at an affordable rate for local merchants. And, with a total of 22,500 sq. ft. space, we have plenty for room for social distancing! Please take a close look at the information below, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Vendor Types:

- Artists, artisans, and craftspeople of all types are welcome to apply.
- You must be the creator of the work you are selling.
- No imports, no resellers, and no vintage/antiques at this time.

Students: Student artists and artisans may participate at a discounted rate but must provide a current student ID card.

Community-focused groups, non-profits, or educational groups: You may request booth space to promote community-focused programs and activities. Booth space will be provided free of charge based on availability.

Location: ACE ARENA is located in Mandarin at 10503 San Jose Blvd. # 18, Jacksonville, FL 32257

2020 Market Dates: Upcoming market dates are listed in bold; dates in red will be added based on the amount of interest received; all dates are tentative and subject to change based on vendor participation and holidays; we may opt for only one date in December for a holiday market.

• Sunday: 9/27

• Sunday: 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 (no market on 10/4)

• Sunday: 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29 (no market on 11/1)

• Sunday: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 (no market on 12/27)

Market & Set-up Times: The market runs from 1 pm to 6 pm in 2020; however, vendor set-up begins at 11 am. You will receive a set-up time with instructions for each week that you participate. Set-up times will be intentionally staggered in order to prevent traffic jams, so knowing your set-up time is important.

Early Breakdown: Early departure from the market is NOT allowed. If you have an emergency and need to leave early, please notify ACE ARENA staff immediately so arrangements can be made. The success of the market depends on the commitment of its participating artists and merchants. Additionally, moving tables and displays while the market is open presents a hazard to other participants and to the public, as well as a liability issue for the venue.

Tables & Displays:

- You will be assigned a booth space to accommodate a 6' table, and two chairs will be provided.
- You will bring your own table, signage, and any other displays. Only one table is permitted per booth space unless approved in advance.
- All signage must fit within your designated area to avoid overcrowding and allow plenty of room for market guests to walk around and maintain social distancing.

Want to join our Awkward Arts Market Community? Apply Today!!!

How to Apply: To participate in our Awkward Arts Market at ACE ARENA, <u>click here to apply</u>.

Awkward Arts Market Fees:

- The booth fee for our regular Sunday Awkward Arts Market is \$35/date per space.
- If you reserve six or more dates PAID in advance, your booth fee is \$30/date per space.
- If you're a student, your booth fee is \$25/date per booth space; current student ID is required; space can be limited so please check as far ahead of time as you can..
- Sharing booth space is not permitted at this time in order to maintain social distancing.
- Upon notification that you've been accepted and your dates have been confirmed, payment is due to hold your space. Your dates ARE NOT RESERVED until your payment is received.
- Payment methods accepted: Credit/Debit Card or Cash (no checks). Payments must be made in person at ACE ARENA.
- Booth fees are nonrefundable. However, if you need to cancel, we will work with you to
 reschedule for another date as long as you cancel at least seven days prior to your scheduled
 market date

Marketing: ACE ARENA will promote its Awkward Arts Market as a whole to the public and, it's possible but not guaranteed, some vendors will be spotlighted; however, each vendor is responsible for their own marketing and promotion to let their audience/customers know they are participating in the market. While ACE ARENA does not guarantee sales; we also do not take any commission from vendors.

Cancellations/Weather Policy:

Since Awkward Arts Market is an indoor event, it will go on rain or shine. The success of the market is dependent on the commitment of participants. There are no refunds given for no-shows. However, should potentially dangerous weather conditions arise, ACE ARENA staff will notify participants if the market will proceed on that day. We take safety very seriously. We will not issue refunds on such dates--alas, we cannot control the weather--but we are happy to offer a credit for a future market date.

COVID-19 Safety Rules & Guidelines:

- Masks are required for entry and must be worn at all times while walking around the venue and talking with market attendees.
- Participants and attendees are expected to maintain social distancing per CDC guidelines (at least 6 feet apart).
- Hand sanitizer will be placed at various locations throughout the venue, but you are encouraged to bring your own to keep at your booth.