



Hot Times Arts & Music Festival



www.hottimesfestival.com

2023

The Hot Times Community Festival is scheduled for September 8-9-10, 2023

This weekend long celebration is a special occasion where the community gathers to celebrate peace, harmony, community unity, friends, family & the arts.

Please enjoy your time at the festival, and upon leaving, take away with you a bit of happiness and friendship that is HOT TIMES.

Hot Times is generously supported by Columbus City Council. Nationwide Children's Hospital, The Community Festival, The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks SESP, Central Community House, Beacon Property Management, Carriage Trade Realty, and many, more community partners who have helped Hot Times Festival remain the only event of its kind in Central Ohio.

240 Parsons Ave.

Parsons & Main

(lawns of the Columbus Health Dept.)



September 8-9-10

"The Friendliest Festival In Columbus"

240 Parsons Avenue

With mature shade trees and beautiful lawns, 240 Parsons Avenue is the perfect setting for HOT TIMES. The historic building on the site was constructed in 1874, on land donated by the citizens of Ohio, for use as the Ohio State School for the Blind. Throughout the years, the building has remained remarkably intact and is now leased by The City of Columbus, who renovated and modernized it for The Columbus Health Department. Jazz notables Rahsaan Roland Kirk and Art Tatum were educated here and directly across the street was James Thurber's birthplace. The Community thanks the State of Ohio, Columbus Health Department and The City of Columbus for their continued support of the Hot Times Community Arts & Music Festival.



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Arts Foundation of Olde Towne
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Hot Times Community Arts & Music Festival

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Rules to Festival By

- * ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH
- * PLEASE WALK YOUR BIKE, SKATEBOARD, SKATES, SCOOTERS THROUGH THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS
- * NO PARKING OF ANY UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES ON THE LAWNS
- * DO NOT CARRY ANY ALCOHOL ONTO OR AWAY FROM THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS
- * DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE LOTS
YOU WILL BE TOWED
- * NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND



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Gilligan's - Stir-fry - Fruit Smoothies
Ribman - ribs, rib tips, sides
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Sweet & Speedy - Snacks, Candy, Pop, Water
Willowbeez-Soul Veg - Vegan Choices
Komodo Loco - Vietnamese/Mexican Fusion
Kensler's - Corn dogs, fried oreos & more
Coco Cat - Chocolate covered fruits
Icee Rainbows - Italian Ice
JNY Bakery - yummy baked treats
Black Kahawa Coffee
Flavor 91 - Salmon Sandwich & more
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& MORE

Bars will serve:

Columbus Brewing Co and Pabst Beers - Red & white
wine - Sparking wine - Farmhaus Cider
Vodka cranberry - hand crafted Mojitos

Service hours:

Friday 5:30 P.M. to 10:45PM - Last Call 10:30P.M.

Saturday 11 A.M. to 10:45- Last Call 10:30 P.M.

Sunday Noon to 7:45 P.M. - Last Call 7:30 P.M.

You must show a valid ID at time of purchase

HOT TIMES OFFICIAL HOTEL PARTNER



You are invited to help!



***Clean up your own trash
(don't leave a mess),
recycle your cans, bottles
& plastic in the containers
provided and don't leave
trash in the parking lots and
surrounding neighborhood.***

STREET FAIR

The Hot Times Festival hosts a wonderful Street Fair that is an eclectic mix of Arts, Crafts and Community Organizations to enjoy browsing among. Meet interesting and friendly people and find rare treasures to take home.

Great things await you in the Hot Times Street Fair.



OPENING DRUM CIRCLE

Fri. 5 PM

Everyone is welcome to join the drum circles
- bring a percussion instrument to play,
energy to dance or come
and just have fun listening!

*Hot Times Opening Drum Circle is dedicated
to Barbara "Wahru" Cleveland and
facilitated by her dedicated student Stephen
Schneider.*

**Super Sunday
Drum Circle
Sun. 11 AM**

Traditional Sunday Morning Drum Circle
led by the
Legendary Master Drummer & Elder
Tony West
Sunday at 11 AM,
under the big tree on the lawn.



THE POETRY SLAM Honoring Is Said

This is the REAL THING!
Led by Wallabee

The Annual Hot Times Poetry Slam attracts
Poets from all over Central Ohio. Come hear
the Poets compete in a lively battle of words!
SATURDAY 4 PM - Parsons Ave. Stage

**Sign up to participate any time on
Saturday afternoon at
The Parsons Avenue Stage.**

WAHRU'S PORCH SWING

FRIDAY:

7:30 ComFest Annual Photo

SATURDAY:

12:00 - Victoria Frye

1:00 - The Chapters

2:00 - Linden & Melvin

3:00 - Charles K. Sealy

4:00 - Roger Parish

5:00 - Wallabee

5:30 - James "Frisky" London

7:00 - The Columbus Free

Press Salon

SUNDAY:

12:00 - Elizabeth Bolon Trio

12:45 - Kitchen Table

Ukulele Trio

1:00 - The Hillel Dancers

2:00 - Ron Jay

3:00 - Aizel Polynesian Dance

3:30 - Keith Mallett

4:00 - Kim Denizard

4:30 - Elias Dillon Lyn & Lil' Bro

5:00 - Darchella Williams

*The Main Street Stage is dedicated to the memory
of Darryl Mendleson who coordinated music on it for
decades. All of the Jazz sets at the Festival are dedicated
to the memory of Gene Walker, Arther Baskerville, Hank
Marr, Billy Brown, Bobby Alston, Rusty Bryant, Jimmy
"Stix" Rodgers, Clarence Slaughter, Wilbert Longmier,
Ac Collins, Chip Willis and all the members of the Listen
for The Jazz All-Star Band who have led the way! All the
reggae sets at the Festival are dedicated to the memory of
Maria Rosamond Coles former manager of the Ark Band
and dear friends and Near East Neighbors Hugo and
Donna Cabrera founders of Skankland and Negas
Records.*

THE PARSONS AVE. STAGE

THE MAIN STREET STAGE

FRIDAY:

6:00 - Johnny Lonesome
7:00 - Charles Grace Band
8:00 - N'Soul Deep
9:00 - Nini Love Band

SATURDAY:

12:00 - Battle Talez from
Flavor'd Flow Studio
1:00 - New Legga-C ShowBand
2:00 - Hosea State of Mind
3:00 - Wahru's Spirit Drummers
4:00 - POETRY SLAM
5:00 - Gen Blues
6:00 - Roots Society
7:00 - DJiamUNECC
8:00 - Funk City 2.0

SUNDAY:

12:00 - Zumba with Aziza
1:00 - Bittertones Duo
2:00 - 10 Ahead
3:00 - Whitley Jean Band
4:00 - Donna Mogavero Band
5:00 - Maid of the mist
6:00 - Austin & the Syd Xperience



FRIDAY:

4:30 - The Brian Clash Band
5:30 - Don Norman Blues Band
6:30 - The Govenor
7:45 - New Basics Brass Band
8:45 - All Star Jammerz
10:00 - Willie Phoenix

SATURDAY:

12:00 - Lungu Vybz
1:00 - Transit Arts
2:00 Kim Beyer
3:00 Queen Fatou
4:15 - Black Book
5:30 Gregg Swan
& The Late Crew
6:45 Awards & Poetry Finalists
7:15 - CYNTsations
8:30 - Flex Crew
9:45 - Shaun Booker Dammit
Band

SUNDAY:

12:30 - Make Jazz Not War
2:15 - The James Elliot Project
The Gene Walker Tribute Band
3:30 - fo/mo/deep
4:30 Memorial
5:15 - The Four Mints
6:15 - The Ark Band



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THE LARGEST ART CAR SHOW IN OHIO!

The Art Car Motto.... New Cars Depreciate - DECORATE!

ART CARS are MOVING SCULPTURE; Fun Art Straight To The People.

Once again the largest collection of Art Cars in Ohio will appear at Hot Times. The Artists will be available for conversation and advice on how to start your own Art Car. Pure Imagination! No Idea Too Wild! Vote for your favorite Art Car and experience the baubles, bubbles and beads. Step under the Art Car Gate that leads you to a wonderful world of imagination.

In the twenty seven years there have been Art Cars at Hot Times, the times and the cars have changed! Of course Art Cars have been around for a long time. The first one at Hot Times was an old station wagon covered with paper mache' heads owned by the legendary folk artist Smoky Brown. Most art car artists start with a theme; then "Things" "grow" on the car's surface. Special outdoor-use paints can make car murals; the use of magnets can provide on-again, off-again support for art themes, like plastic letters, dots, lizards, mirrors, laminated pictures.

The Hot Times Art Car Show has grown into Ohio's largest Art Car exhibition and has been host to many Art Cars and Artists from all over the globe who show up at Hot Times with cars bearing thousands of brass, glass or plastic objects, or spewing

thousands of bubbles - or who come to bring their talents to local cars - Hot times has hosted dozens of famous Art Cars and their artists including Halle Halle from Canada and Haider Ali, known as the "King Of Pakistani Art Trucks", who hand paints elaborate scenes, using his unique style!

Artists this year include: - Alan Evil from Kentucky, Paul McRae, Jada August, JoAnn Quinn Owens from Texas, Halle Halle from Ontario, Canada, Lindsey Orrin from Tennessee, Claire Johnson from Arizona, Carrie Weber from Toledo, Kelly Israel, and all your favorite local Art Car Artists.

All over the world Art Cars are fun art straight to the people; rolling galleries!

Come see the cars and visit with the Artists at Hot Times – let the cars inspire you to mobile creativity and plan to return next year with an Art Car of your own creation!

Pictures from The Art Car Lawns at Hot Times and provided by the traveling artists.



GIANT CHESS AND THE CULTURAL OLYMPIC GAMES 2023

The Hot Times Festival hosts the Cultural Olympic Games presented by The Art of Livin' and African-American Quad-Centennial Program creator, Norman Jones and Ernest Lever of The Royal Oak Initiative (ROI). Historians, humanitarians, scholars, archaeologists, and human culture specialists all agree that the exact origin of cultural games is unknown however variations of these games have been played and enjoyed for over 5,000 years!

The Art of Cultural Games teaches discipline, provides communication and analytical skills, and offers non-physical combative events, while creating self esteem and pride among peer groups. On Saturday & Sunday, board games will be taught and open play and competitions will take place. Stop by to play, learn, compete, chat and watch! And during the year check out The Royal Oak Initiative at 80 Parsons Ave.




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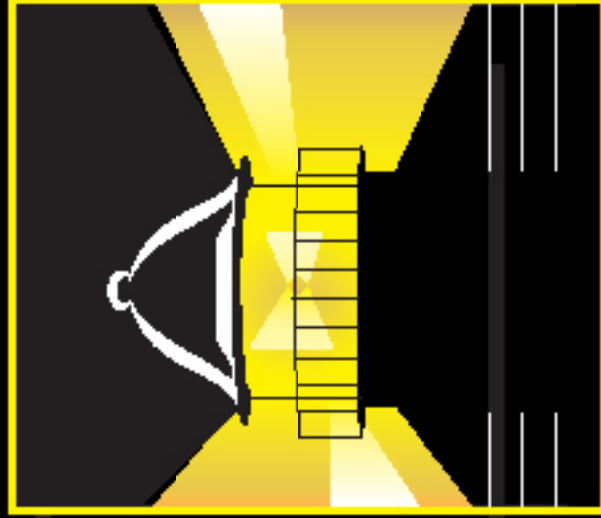
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**CHANGE IS
COMING!**

240 Parsons Avenue (from an old postcard above), the current site of the Hot Times Festival is entering into a time of change.



To the right is a drawing illustrating changes that are planned for the lawns. In addition, the second and third floors of the main building will be renovated in 2024. Note the whole South West corner of the site is scheduled to be shaved off to make wider turning lanes from E. Main St. to S. Parsons Ave. and the lawns will be used to stage construction support.

The Arts Foundation of Olde Towne, the Olde Towne East Neighborhood Association and the Columbus Heath Department have met with the planners and developers for ODOT to advocate for the preservation of as many of the old canopy, signature trees as possible and to remove and safely store the old brick gates, historic markers and the iron fence surrounding the site and replace them at finish of work.



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HONORED ARTISTS

The Near East Area has traditionally been a place where creative people gather to live and work. The Honored Artist Award is presented yearly to an artist or administrator who has been active in serving the Near East Community through his or her work. In 2023 Christine Hayes (AKA Ramona Moon) and Donte Woods-Spikes are being honored.

With this award, they join a distinguished group of dedicated and creative people that includes: Smoky Brown, Walt Neil, Anna Bishop, Tony & Aziza West, Gene Walker, Leon Page, Kojo Kamau, Is Said, Aaraaman, Daniel Work, Queen Brooks, Jim Arter, George Miller, Denny Griffith, Eric Marlow, Dougie Simpson, Becky Ogden, Barbara “Wahru” Cleveland, Jeannette Williams-Brewer, Jackie Calderone, Don Bullard, Roman Johnson, Chief Shongo, Bill Agnew, Ann DeWald, Ron Hope, The Four Mints, Bobby Shaw, Gail Larned, Bettye Stull, Lee Savory, Shaun Booker, Arnett Howard, BHB, Jack Marchbanks, Aminah Robinson, Deighton Charlemagne, Richard Duarte Brown, Delton Boyd, Mary McClendon, Ralph, Roger Williams, Riccardo Davenport, Daniel Colvin, Pepper Johnson, Mary Daniels, Voszi Douglas, Suzanne Gallagher, Suzan Bradford Kounta, Willie Phoenix, Clint Davidson, Barbara Fant, and Michael VanderDoes, Eustace & Terry Bobb, Harry Wozniak, David Turner, Scot Lacy,

CHRISTINE HAYES “Ramona Moon”

Christine Hayes or Ramona Moon as she is known in Art Car circles, is the creator of Turkey Toyota a 1967 Corona Toyota that has been around for a very long time, as well as the Corn Car and several others. Ramona Moon has been gluing onto and performing with art cars since 1978. Her Turkey Toyota car was featured in Harrod Blanks book *Wild Wheels*, and that was back in 1993. It is completely covered in plastic toys and every thing that could possibly make a kid smile and still can be seen as it now resides on the patio of Gore Made Pizza in Columbus, Ohio.

In her family tradition, being the daughter of Columbus Dispatch Communist Ben Hayes, she is a columnist for the Short North Gazette and has written about her art car story as well as many more articles.

Christine “Ramona” is one of the founders of the Hot Times Art Car Show and a dedicated participant for 27 years. She is the first Art Car Artist to be recognized with the Honored Artist Award.

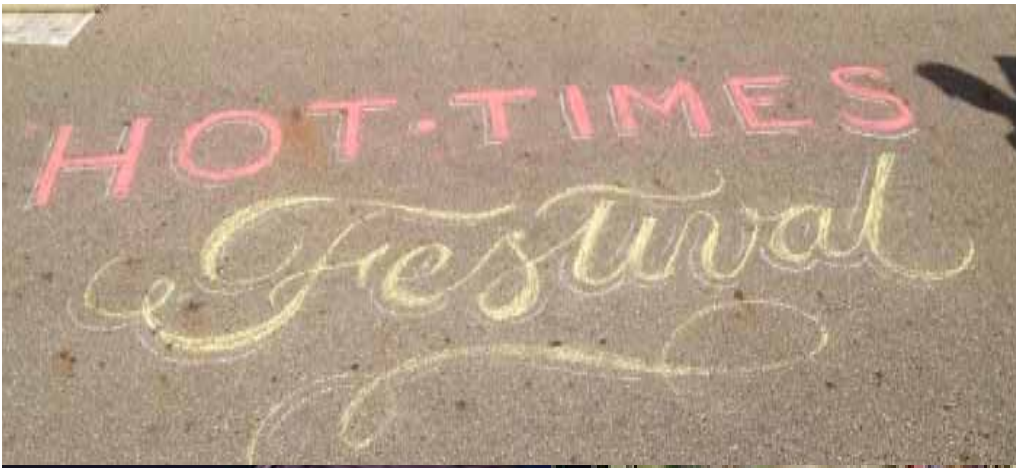


DONTE WOODS-SPIKES

Donte Woods-Spikes began working with youth in the Near Eastside of Columbus Ohio in 2011. His first youth project, *A Talk With Our Sons* consisted of youtube video interviews with young Black male youth and life experiences within the city. As the project gained recognition, Woods-Spikes was selected to give a TEDxColumbus Talk titled *Young Black Men Not Left Out Again*. Woods-Spikes also mentors young children. He created a documentary titled *Donte & Day’Mariah*, which highlighted his journey mentoring a young Black girl and the dynamics and benefits of cross gendered mentorship. Woods-Spikes worked at a community center then transitioned into the Columbus city schools as a teachers aid for 3 years. 1 of those years taking place during the COVID-19 pandemic which inspired him to write his book *So. Long. Unfinished Good-byes with the Children of COVID-19*.

Donte Woods-Spikes is known for various forms of work such as professional speaking, community work, and video documentation.





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Columbus Children's Parade

The idea is simple: Have Fun Together!

The Columbus Children's Parade gives children opportunities to freely and creatively celebrate themselves through music and the arts. Decorated bikes and strollers, costumes, community kids and parents become the parade marching along.

**Parade LINE UP
Saturday Sept 9
11:00 AM**

Blackburn Park at 18th and Bryden Rd.

Parade will step off at 11:00 AM arriving at the
Hot Times Community Arts & Music Festival
at 11:30 AM!

Join the Parade along the route too!

Through the years The Parade has served as a focal point of self and community esteem for hundreds of children who have participated.

Thank You Central Community House
for organizing and funding the Parade
for 2023

Bring the kids, join the Parade,
and cheer for the marchers!
Join in on the fun!

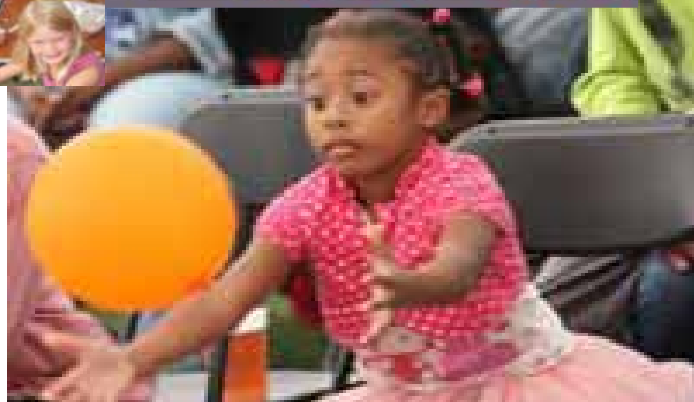


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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

On Saturday day afternoon enjoy creative, non-competitive play designed to engage children and parents hosted by Michael Stinzano's office.

Look for more fun on the front lawns. Help with the Chalk Van, paint your own tiny car and help build the Art Car costumes!



REMEMBER

EXPANDED MEMORIES ARE POSTED AT HOTTIMESFESTIVAL.COM/2023 IN MEMORY

STEPHEN “DARRYL” MENDELSON - Darryl has organized and run the Main Street Stage for multiple decades. His dedication and kindness helped make Hot Times the friendliest event in town.



BARBARA “WAHRU” CLEVELAND - Wahru served as the Coordinator of the Porch Swing Stage and led the Hot Times opening Drum circle.

IS SAID - Is Said led the Hot Times Poetry Slam for over two decades. He was a major Organizer of Hot Times and his work and creativity helped create



EUGENE WISE - Dancing on the beer trough to handling volunteers Eugene was always smiling, texting and calling friends, and through many hardships kept his spirits bright

CHIP WILLIS - Musician, singer, sax player, Chip played with multiple bands at Hot Times through the years most recently the Shaun Booker Damn it Band.



ANNUAL “AC” COLLINS - AC was a well loved horn player and a 2021 Columbus Blues Hall of Fame inductee.

DELTON BOYD - Beloved neighbor and Hot Times Volunteer.



REGGIE ROUNDTREE - Reggie had a passion for any kind of music but making music through Djembe drumming was his favorite. At any given time he could be seen teaching the art of African drumming to the youth.



CHUCK MARTIN - Hot Times first police officer, he always loved the people and the event. He worked with Hot Times and ComFest building safe strong events.



KIM CRAWFORD - Her guitar rang out with joy in sets with the Willie Pheonix Band and she served as the signage chair for ComFest for years.



KIM BARRETT - Long time dedicated Volunteer she had served as the St Fair Coordinator, sponsor, and in Volunteer Base.



ANDY HUDSON - Artist, founding member of Glass Axis, and owner of the Tie Dye Van painted by Haider Ali.



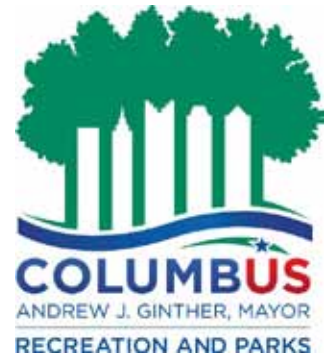
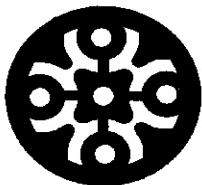
JAMES BROWN - Lead Singer of the Four Mints, James was with the band from the very beginning recording with Capsoul Studios. The Four Mints have been an annual tradition at Hot Times.





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THANK YOU

The focus of Hot Times is the Arts. The Artists who make it a point to perform, exhibit on the street fair, run workshops, teach children, and do other creative and wonderful things, are the heart of the festival.

Thank You to each and every Artist who has taken her or his time to participate - your spirit is what makes this celebration so special and important.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE FUN HAPPEN!

HOT TIMES is totally organized and administered by community volunteers. Hot Times Festival belongs to the community and is produced by the community. Hot Times has built 47 festivals in 46 years with shared community experience and history, and is known as the friendliest festival in Columbus. When you see a person in a Hot Times volunteer t-shirt, give them a big smile, a handshake or a hug. Their spirit of giving is enriching the entire community.

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