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## First Sight, Friday Night Returns to Kick-off

### Annual Old Town Art Fair

(Chicago) – Artists and patrons will mingle at a cocktail party and silent auction from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m., on Friday, June 10, at The New Leaf Studios, 1818 N. Wells St., at *First Sight, Friday Night*, which serves as a fund-raiser and a preview of this year's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Old Town Art Fair.

This year the Old Town Art Fair has been selected as one of the top 10 art fairs in the country by *AmericanStyle* Magazine. Each year more than 50,000 people attend the much anticipated annual event, which winds through the streets of the Landmark Old Town Triangle community.

More than 260 artists present their work after being selected by an independent jury of gallery owners, professional arts, and museum curators from more than 600 entrants.

*First Sight, Friday Night* raises funds through a silent auction of works donated by artists presenting in the art fair, who donate pieces and share in the evening's proceeds.

This year's party features the musical talents of The Jason Miller Group, as patrons are served fare by the Abobo Grill, 1610 N. Wells St., including signature margaritas, tamales, tostadas, taquitos, ceviche and brochetas, in the garden-themed surroundings of The New Leaf Studios.

Reservations are limited and should be made by June 9, either on line at [www.oldtownartfair.org](http://www.oldtownartfair.org) or by check to the Old Town Triangle Association, *First Sight, Friday Night Committee*, 1763 N. North Park Ave., Chicago, IL. 60614. The cost is \$75 in advance for members; \$95 for non-members, which includes membership; \$95 at the door, and \$35 for art fair artists for two tickets. Artists donating pieces for *First Sight* will receive two complimentary tickets.

A portion of the proceeds go to help support several non-profit organizations and schools in the Old Town Triangle community.

Now in its 62<sup>nd</sup> year, the Old Town Art Fair is produced by the Old Town Triangle Association, a not-for-profit community organization, which yearly organizes and stages the art fair with the help of 750 neighborhood volunteers.

The charming tree-lined streets are lined with art work, but the weekend also includes a Garden Walk, a music stage featuring national and local acts, a children's corner, and a food court hosted by popular local food vendors.

The Old Town Triangle Association is a community-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents who live in an area of the City of Chicago, bounded by North Avenue, Clark Street, and the former Ogden Avenue, creating a triangle. Proceeds from the two-day event go toward helping several organizations.

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