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Downtown Arts Exchange Market Launched in December

The Downtown Arts Exchange is launching its first local artist and artisan holiday market this December. The market will be held downtown at the Main Street Market beginning Monday, December 3rd through Friday, December 7th from 10am to 3pm, with extended hours on Thursday, December 6th to 5pm. The market will feature over 20 local artists and artisans, with many of the products Louisiana inspired. Renee Chatelain, President and CEO of the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge believes “celebrating local artists and exposing their work to people living and working downtown will bolster the growing trend to purchase and gift locally produced goods this season.”

The Downtown Arts Exchange is a collaborative initiative led by four Baton Rouge organizations including, the Big River Economic and Agricultural Development Alliance (BREDA), Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Downtown Development District (DDD), and Mid City Makers Market and was created to bring additional retail opportunities downtown. Davis Rhorer, Downtown Development District Executive Director, notes the event will “meet the mission of the Main Street Market by supporting local entrepreneurs and also provides a unique shopping opportunity to downtown workers, residents, and visitors.”

The Main Street Market location offers free validated parking in the Galvez Garage and hosts retail businesses and restaurants. “Main Street Market is excited about the Downtown Arts Exchange and we invite shoppers to enjoy lunch at one of our cafes while shopping for the holidays,” says Copper Alvarez, BREDA Executive Director.

The collaborative believes the addition of locally based retail opportunities downtown has the potential to become more permanent. With the growing of number of residents and visitors, along with the thousands of daily workers, they believe the Downtown Arts Exchange can provide the retail amenities many are seeking downtown.

Downtown Holiday Arts Exchange Market Vendors

Mimosa Handcrafted - Jewelry

EJ and Co. Candles - Candles

Alexis Braud – Books and Prints

Blackbird Letterpress – Cards and Journals



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Cathy Smart Photography – Fine Art Photography
Judith Braggs Folk Art – Fiber Arts/ Folk Art
Firefly by Liz Martin - Jewelry
Trish Ransom Debris Art– Mixed Media
Mud Dog Pottery - Ceramics
The Carving Horse – Cutting Boards, Ukuleles
Ghada Henegan – Ceramics
Shaun Aleman – Prints, Notecards, Original Paintings
Chase Mullen – Watercolors and Watercolor Prints
Petite Louisiane – Tiny Acrylic Canvases, Ornaments
5th Dimension Skincare – Herbal Skincare
Travis Robertson Bowties – Handmade Bow Ties
Basic Bee Shop – Honey, Chap Stick, Honey Cubes
Bricks n Bombs, Tim's Garage - Shirts, Pins, Pennants
Empty Next Pottery - Ceramics
Terry Kennedy – Ceramics
The Grooming Parlor – Grooming Products
Josh Wascome – Woodworking
Chameleon Girls – Girl's Clothing
Magnolia Creative – Paper, Ceramics, Gifts
Second Line Jewels – Upcycled Jewelry
Potterri Studio - Ceramic Mugs and Vases
The Gallery @ Main Street Market

Main Street Market Vendors

Chef Celeste's Bistro
The Gallery
Our Daily Bread
Plantation Pecan
FRESH Salads & Wraps
Go Ya Ya's Creperie
Paul Wong's Chinese and Sushi
Red Stick Spice Company

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