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The Art Students League of Denver Presents Summer Art Market June 9 & 10 The community event features 234 artists, free family-friendly artmaking opportunities, art demonstrations and live music

DENVER (May 16, 2018) – On Saturday, June 9 and Sunday June 10, in the West Washington Park neighborhood, the <u>Art Students League of Denver</u> (ASLD) will host the 26th annual <u>Summer Art Market</u>, an event with 234 visual artist booths, artist demonstrations, kidART programming, live music and food and beverage vendors.

The event, held between E. 1st Avenue and E. 4th Avenue and between Logan Street and Sherman Street, features a range of media, including ceramics, fiber arts, mixed media/book art, painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, jewelry and sculpture. Summer Art Market is free and open to the public.

"Summer Art Market is ASLD's largest community initiative, inviting individuals to connect with artists directly and discover all that ASLD has to offer," said Rachel Basye, executive director, Art Students League of Denver. "Featuring top-quality artwork from the ASLD community, Summer Art Market provides ASLD faculty, students and members with an opportunity to sell their work and inspire the community to create and collect art."

Summer Art Market features 234 visual artists, including 49 first-time exhibitors. A panel of judges will announce show award winners on Saturday, June 9. Awards will include best of show, juror's choice 1, 2 and 3 and best booth presentation.

Sponsored by <u>the ART</u>, ASLD professional faculty will offer two free art demonstrations per day in a range of media, including pastel, watercolor, drawing and sculpting. Throughout the event weekend, families can partake in <u>kidART</u> workshops. With the guidance of ASLD faculty, children will create leaping lizards, masquerade masks, Jackson Pollack-inspired plates, watercolors and more.

Visit the community garden on the Art Students League of Denver grounds for lively <u>musical performances</u> sponsored by <u>KBCO</u> throughout both days of the event. Dance to the tunes of Alex Heffron Quartet, Wild Mountain, MoDaZz, 50 Shades of Blue, Michael Friedman Band and Soultyme. Food will be provided by <u>Little Pub Company</u>.

For additional programming information, please visit <u>asld.org</u> or pick up a Summer Art Market map/guide at the ASLD building, 200 Grant St., Denver, after May 25.

For a full Summer Art Market media kit, visit http://bit.ly/2rJ1XW9.

About Art Students League of Denver

The Art Students League of Denver (ASLD) provides an inclusive art community where professional artists guide individuals of all abilities to reach their highest potential. The Art Students League of Denver first opened its doors in 1987 with a handful of recognized artists teaching 100 students in its first year. Today, located in the historic Sherman School in the West Washington Park area at 200 Grant Street, ASLD directly connects with over 55,000 members in seven counties of the Denver metro area. More than 14,000 students attend classes, workshops, teen studios and summer camps, and more than 130 professional, noted artists teach fine arts classes in a wide range of media throughout the year. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, ASLD is supported by private donations, tuition, foundation grants, corporate sponsorship and the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District.. For more information, visit asld.org or engage with ASLD on Facebook or Instagram (@artstudentsleague denver).

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