

ACCESSIBILITY 2003

Accessibility on Main is a Downtown event of Installation Art. The kickoff event is normally the last Saturday of September. Enjoy food and beverages on Main Street with entertainment from dance, music, spoken word to experimental video performances along with a month long contemporary art exhibit. This is an event you won't want to miss. The 2003 exhibition featured the artwork of 13 nationally & internationally acclaimed artists which identified Sumter as the host of a highly regarded contemporary art exhibit considered by many to be one of the most important art events in South Carolina. For more information call 803-436-2260 or 803-436-2616.



Media Release

Accessibility 2003 is Sumter's fifth annual exhibition of public installation art. The annual Accessibility exhibitions feature contemporary art that is installed in and around Main Street businesses, alleys, unoccupied buildings, sidewalks and other "public" areas of Sumter's historic downtown area. This highly regarded contemporary art exhibition is considered by many to be one of the most important art events in South Carolina. The 2003 Accessibility exhibition is created by Jane Ingram Allen, New York and includes thirteen notable, highly acclaimed "installation artists" from Japan, Korea, Israel, Canada, New Mexico, Kentucky, California and New York.

The 2003 Accessibility exhibition opens on Saturday, September 27, 2003 and remains available for viewing through Saturday, November 1, 2003. During this period the exhibited artwork will be accessible to the viewing public twenty-four hours each day through the closing.



Accessibility 2003 will officially 'open' to the public on Saturday, September 27th. The grand opening event starts at 6:00pm and is titled "The Magic of Motown" and features four bands that will perform classic "Motown" music. The opening extravaganza will attract an estimated 1000 people and will be located entirely on Main Street, downtown Sumter and will last until 10:00pm. Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic during the opening event. Food and beverage vendors will be located along Main Street. The "Fringe Festival of the avant-garde" will coincide with the Accessibility opening and will feature new, cutting-edge, innovative works including dance, music, "spoken-word" and experimental video. All "Fringe" performances will take place on and around Main Street from 6:00 - 10:00pm. on September 27th.

What:

Sumter's annual "Accessibility Exhibition" of public installation art. The 2003 exhibitions features the artwork of 13 international and nationally acclaimed artists.

Where:

Main Street, Sumter, SC. Main Street will be closed between Liberty Street north to Canal St. Includes Sumter Historic Opera House and buildings and grounds throughout the downtown Main Street area. Opening reception/events will take place throughout the same area.

When:

Accessibility 2003 Exhibition opens on Saturday, September 27, 2003 and remains open through Saturday November 1, 2003. Exhibition will be available for viewing 24 hours every day through the closing on the 1st. of November. Opening events, "The Magic of Motown" and "Fringe Festival of the avant-garde" will take place only on September 27th, starts at 6:00pm and ends at 10:00pm. Food and drink vendors will be present during the opening event.

Sponsors:

Accessibility 2003 is sponsored by: Sumter County Cultural Commission, City of Sumter, University of South Carolina Sumter, Sumter Gallery of Art and Northwest Airlines and The Copy Shop.

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