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Arts In The Park - A New Addition To "Celebrate Bainbridge!"

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Arts & Humanities Bainbridge, in partnership with The SoundArts Project, presents *Arts In The Park* from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 2. The event will feature local and regional artists painting, drawing, or sketching in a public *plein air* environment and will generate funds for the arts community on Bainbridge Island.

Artists will volunteer their creative abilities, producing one or more pieces during a four-hour period on the lawn at Waterfront Park. Visitors will marvel as works of art take shape before their eyes. The newly created pieces will be offered at a silent auction at *Summer Showcase at BIMA* from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. the same evening. All auction proceeds will benefit AHB's Individual Artist Fund, which empowers local artists with the means to pursue their passions.

"Our mission at Arts & Humanities Bainbridge is to support aspiring and professional artists as well as provide opportunities for artists to prosper, our youth to learn through art, and the community to engage in collaborative events," said AHB's Executive Director, Anne Smart. "By collaborating with The SoundArts Project and the "Celebrate Bainbridge" consortium on Arts In The Park, we help showcase the arts and the artists by creating a vibrant, attractive place to live, work, and visit."

Arts In The Park will also feature an art sale, Flash Portraits, chalk drawing, live music, a wine and beer garden, and local food selections, all in the pleasant surroundings of Waterfront Park. The event is part of this year's "Celebrate Bainbridge" festivities. Sponsored by the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, Bainbridge Island Rotary Club, City of Bainbridge Island, and Bainbridge Island Downtown Association, "Celebrate Bainbridge" will be an event-packed family weekend that kicks off with the Rotary Auction on July 1 and culminates in the Grand Old Fourth.

About Arts & Humanities Bainbridge: AHB is a self-sustaining non-profit organization serving artists, educators, and cultural organizations as the nexus of all things artistic on Bainbridge Island, connecting young people to 21st century ways of learning through powerful arts education, and shining a bright light on creative individuals through public events, awards and promotion. To learn more visit ahbainbridge.org, email us at admin@ahbainbridge.org, or call us at 206.842.7901.

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