



## FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

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### Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival Celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018 with a weekend packed full of outdoor fun with Art, Wine & Wheels on April 6-8 at Renaissance at Colony Park

- Southeast Tourism Society has named Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival one of the STS Top 20 Events in the Southeast for 2018.
- Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival, a juried fine arts show, provides an opportunity for artists from across the United States to sell and patrons from across the Southeast to purchase fine artwork while interacting with the artists in an informal and relaxed setting on April 7 & 8.
- Santé South Wine Festival, on the evening of Saturday, April 7, has grown into Mississippi's top luxury wine and food experience featuring more than 120 exceptional wines and fine food samplings from more than 20 top Mississippi restaurants. Friday night offers a preview of wines for those who participate in Fleet Feet's "Run Now Wine Later" 5K event.
- Ridgeland's OBO (One Behind the Other) Tandem Cycling Rally on April 6-8 attracts cyclists from around the country to enjoy Ridgeland's nationally-recognized bike paths.

In the past 10 years, the Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival has grown to become a part of the city's Art Wine & Wheels Weekend which includes the Santé South Wine Festival, OBO Tandem Cycling Rally and Run Now Wine Later 5K. The event will be held at Renaissance at Colony Park. The festival is a free event; other ancillary events are ticketed or registration fee. The Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival times are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 8.

Music Lineup for the 2018 Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival.

#### **Saturday, April 7, 2018**

##### *East End Stage*

10:15 – 11:15 Gerald Wicks

11:45 – 12:45 The Vibe Doctors

1:15 – 2:15 The Hustlers

3:00 – 4:15 The Delta Mountain Boys

4:45 – 6:00 Southern Komfort Brass Band

##### *West End Stage*

10:00 – 11:00 MS Opera

11:30 – 12:30 Hunter Gibson

1:00 – 2:00 Chris Gill Duo

2:30 – 4:00 Holley Peel

4:30 – 5:30 Lisa Mills

#### **Sunday, April 8, 2018**

##### *East End Stage*

11:45 – 1:00 Los Papis

1:30 – 3:00 Bill & Temperance with Jeff Perkins

3:30 – 5:00 Raphael Semmes Jazz Ensemble

##### *West End Stage*

11:30 – 12:30 Stace & Cassie

1:00 – 2:30 Sam Mooney

3:00 – 4:30 Doug Hurd / Larry Brewer

“Live music certainly enhances the outdoor festival atmosphere,” says Mary Beth Wilkerson, Director of Ridgeland Tourism Commission. “We are thrilled to present a diverse and exciting lineup on two different stages to compliment the festival and the weekend.” The Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival also provides activities to further art education through its student gallery and Creative Craft Corner in partnership with the Craftsmen’s Guild of Mississippi. The festival is presented by the Ridgeland Tourism Commission and draws 10,000 – 15,000 attendees. 90+ artists attend the event featuring mediums of clay, drawing and pastels, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media 2D & 3D, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and wood.

The Santé South Wine Festival is a signature event of Alzheimer’s Mississippi and has generated more than \$450,000 for the non-profit organization. Only small production and boutique wineries are invited to the event to present their annual new release wines. Vintners from across the globe travel to Mississippi to share their passion for wine with their highest quality offerings.

Not only will attendees be able to take in fine arts and fine wine, but also enjoy Ridgeland’s great cycling offerings. The OBO Tandem Rally is Mississippi’s premier tandem bike rally and attracts participants from across the country.

For more information about Ridgeland Tourism, please visit [www.visitridgeland.com](http://www.visitridgeland.com).

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### **The Ridgeland Tourism Commission**

The Ridgeland Tourism Commission markets and promotes the City of Ridgeland as a destination of travel providing support for the Ridgeland Tourism industry and fostering awareness of the industry’s significance to create economic growth and opportunity through its travel industry.