

SAFI's SPRING INTO ART FESTIVAL

Presented by Simpsonville Arts Foundation, Inc.

Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

INFORMATION FOR ARTISTS/VENDORS & SPONSORS

The Simpsonville Arts Foundation, Inc. (SAFI) invites you to be a part of our popular Spring Into Art Festival 2026 in downtown Simpsonville. This will be a family-friendly event with art from a juried selection of local and regional fine artists, music, and kid-friendly activities. Through this event, and others, SAFI is helping Simpsonville become known as a destination for visual and performing arts supported by businesses and the surrounding community.

LOCATION OF EVENT

All festival activities will take place at Burdette Central on the corner of S.E. Main Street and E. Curtis Street, similar to SAFI's 2025 Spring Into Art Festival. An event map showing assigned vendor spaces and access routes will be shared with confirmed participants in advance of the event date.

DATE AND TIME

- Event Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
- In case of very poor weather, our event rain date will be May 10, 2026. SAFI's final decision on any postponements will be communicated via email with all vendors, artists, and partners.
- Public Event Hours: 11:00-3:00pm
- Artist & Vendor Setup: Schedule will be shared with confirmed participants.

ART VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES & ELIGIBILITY

SAFI invites local artists to apply to participate in this juried art show and market. SAFI is not accepting food vendors at this time.

Local and regional artists will be evaluated for consideration in the show, based on technical proficiency, originality, professional presentation, and non-offensive subject matter. All artwork for the show must be original, created by the artist themselves and produced in the last 2 years. Giclee, archival prints of the artist's original works are acceptable. Artworks containing mass produced elements, relying heavily on the work of others, or created from downloaded content not original to the artist will not be accepted.

ART VENDOR FEES & DEADLINES:

- Final Application Submission Deadline – April 17, 2026
- Applications received through March 31 – \$65
- Application received April 1 or later - \$75
- Optional Power Fee - \$25
- All fees are due with application, and will be refunded if not selected for the show by the jury. Payment instructions can be found on the application page.
- Vendors must provide their own tent, tables, and other display equipment.
- Powered spaces are very limited and will be assigned on a FCFS basis.
- Vendor spaces will be 10'x10' (roughly one vehicle parking space at Burdette Central)

QUESTIONS?

Contact us with vendor/artist questions via email: info@safiarts.com

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The Simpsonville Arts Foundation, Inc. (SAFI) invites your business be to a sponsor of our third annual Spring Into Art Festival 2026 in downtown Simpsonville. This will be a family-friendly event with art from a juried selection of local and regional fine artists, music, and kid-friendly activities. Through this event, and others, SAFI is helping Simpsonville become known as a destination for visual and performing arts supported by businesses and the surrounding community.

PRESENTING SPONSOR, \$3,000

1 Available

- Premier placement of sponsor's logo/name on promotional materials including website, social media, and event signage.
- Invitations to join SAFI in interviews for television, print, and radio promotion when possible.
- Six months of advertising space on SAFI's website.
- Space at event for displays, tent, and table.

ARTIST ROW SPONSOR, \$1,000

1 Available

- Mid-level placement of sponsor's logo/name on promotional materials including website, social media, and event signage.
- Three months of advertising space on SAFI's website.
- Space at event for displays, tent, and table.

KIDS ART SPONSOR, \$1,000

1 Available

- Mid-level placement of sponsor's logo/name on promotional materials including website, social media, and event signage.
- Three months of advertising space on SAFI's website.
- Space at event for displays, tent, and table.

HOSPITALITY SPONSOR, \$500

1 Available

- Lower-level placement of sponsor's logo/name on promotional materials including website, social media, and event signage.
- One month of advertising space on SAFI's website.
- Space at event for displays, tent, and table.

FRIEND OF THE FESTIVAL, \$250

Multiple Available

- Social media shoutout

IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- In-kind sponsorship opportunities are available for printers, photographers, media and marketing providers, and other event service partners.

Contact Cindy Tench by email with sponsorship questions: safiarts@yahoo.com

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APPLICATION FOR SPONSORS & VENDORS

Art Vendor Questions: info@safiarts.com **Sponsor Questions:** Cindy Tench safiarts@yahoo.com

ARTIST / BUSINESS INFORMATION: (as it should appear in all event promotion)

Business/Artist Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
Physical Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Website/Social: _____

ART MEDIUM: Check any that apply.

_____ Oil _____ Watercolor _____ Photography
_____ Metal _____ Wood _____ Pottery
_____ Drawings _____ Jewelry _____ Glass
_____ Other: _____

Price Range of Art: _____

ARTIST'S STATEMENT: Enclose an Artist's Statement; a short 100 – 200 word outline including the what, why, and sometimes how the artist produces their artwork.

PHOTOS: Artists are required to submit 4 photos of their work, and 2 photos of their booth (if previous art show experience), along with this application.

PARTICIPATION FEE OPTIONS: Select one.

_____ Artist/Vendor – Prices vary; see page 1 for details.
_____ Optional Power Add-On - \$25
_____ Sponsorship - Prices vary. Will sponsor use vendor space? ___ YES ___ NO

Total Fees Due: _____ **Payment Method:** _____

PAYMENT DETAILS:

All fees can be paid via check or credit card, and will be non-refundable after acceptance is confirmed.

- Mail a **check** along with completed application to: SAFI, P.O. Box 1433, Simpsonville, SC 29681
- Send a **credit card** payment via Zelle to safiarts@yahoo.com, including vendor name in the memo field.

RELEASE & INDEMNIFICATION:

The undersigned vendor releases and holds harmless the Simpsonville Arts Foundation, Inc. (SAFI), and the property owners and/or tenants; and waives all rights, without limit upon or liability for use of their property and facilities. The undersigned agrees that SAFI may use any slides/photos submitted for publicity. The undersigned further agrees that failure to abide by the rules stated in this application can lead to immediate expulsion from the event with no reimbursement or legal recourse whatsoever.

1. I, the undersigned, have read all of the above guidelines governing this event, and agree to adhere to the rules that are outlined within it.
2. I understand that SAFI reserves the right to limit or discontinue the participation of a vendor at any time.
3. Each party to this agreement agrees to and does assume responsibility for their respective acts or omissions which may give rise to any claim arising out of this agreement.
4. Behavior by vendors, their family members, or employees that is disruptive, abusive, or threatening towards other members, the public, or staff members is prohibited and may result in immediate termination of the vendor and/or their future marketing/selling rights.
5. I will secure my booth and its contents against any wind or inclement weather, and will be responsible for any damages caused or incurred by my booth or its contents in such a weather event.

I have read these rules and agree to the terms of this contract.

Vendor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Submit completed applications via email to info@safiarts.com, or mail to SAFI, PO Box 1433, Simpsonville SC 29861.

Applications are not complete without these items:

- Artist's statement
- 4 photos of artwork
- Photos and/or description of booth setup
- Payment confirmation (Zelle screenshot or confirmation email, or note that check is in the mail)
- Complete and signed application