



Take a seat!

15 'Musical Chairs' highlight Ventura Music Festival's 15th Anniversary season

Fifteen Ventura County artisans are busy handcrafting one-of-a-kind master works with "Musical Chairs" – a collection of 15 provocative seating arrangements.

Ventura Music Festival organizers announced that 15 artists have been chosen to create this year's Festival Art project – "Musical Chairs" to celebrate the history of the festival.

"We are excited to welcome 15 talented artists who will undoubtedly represent the Ventura Music Festival with their unique visions to honor our 15th anniversary," said Cheryl Heitmann, executive director of the Ventura Music Festival. "Musical Chairs is a perfect theme for the 2009 season as it represents the many styles of music we have brought to our community for the last 15 years."

Each chair represents one year since the Ventura Music Festival was founded in 1993. Artists each received a plain pine wood chair to express their work on.

"I plan on making my chair a piece of very beautiful furniture," said Festival Artist John Parker of Ventura.

Los Angeles transplant and Oxnard resident artist Renee' Allem will create a chair titled 'Afrique'. "The tribal zany-zen design of my chair is a combination of black and white African-inspired drawing, simple yet complex in composition, the zing and zang of black and white," she says.

All 15 chairs will be unveiled December 10, 2008 and will then be distributed throughout the County of Ventura for display through the 2009 festival season. A gala dinner and auction of the chairs will take place in March 2009, the Festival's biggest fund-raising event of the year.

2009 Participating Festival artists:

Renee' Allem, Oxnard
 Rob Edwards, Ventura
 Stephanie Elise, Ventura
 Barbara Fitzgerald, Ventura
 Norman Kirk, Santa Paula
 Hilda Kilpatrick, Ventura
 Susan Krieg, Ventura
 Rex Kochel, Ojai

Elana Kundell, Newbury Park
 Christina Leong, Camarillo
 John Parker, Ventura
 Len Poteshman, Ventura
 Hayley Strauss, Ventura
 Pamela Vladyka-Venegas, Ventura
 Kay Zetlmaier, Ventura

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