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## **SummerNight 2021 Applications and Sponsor Opportunities Available**

**AUBURN, Ala.** – The SummerNight Committee is now accepting applications for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual SummerNight Downtown Art Walk to be held Friday, June 11 from 6 – 10 p.m. in the heart of downtown Auburn. Applications are available for art exhibitors, the Love & Lemons culinary contest, sponsors, the Lemonade Parade, festival attractions and volunteers.

SummerNight is a downtown entertainment district event and will be held on Friday, June 11, from 6 - 10 p.m. in downtown Auburn. This event is FREE to the public and will take place rain or shine! Artists, downtown businesses, volunteers and culinary artists are encouraged to participate. To download an application or for more information, please visit auburnsummernight.org or contact the SummerNight Headquarters at (334) 501-2963. All applications are due no later than Friday, May 28.

Sponsoring the SummerNight Downtown Art Walk is your business and organization's chance to publicly support our community! The Art Walk has quickly become one of Auburn's major cultural events and business and community sponsorships help to ensure its success. A SummerNight committee member will be happy to speak with you and help select a sponsorship level that suits your needs. Your contribution makes a difference, so please join us in making this year's Art Walk the best yet!

SummerNight 2021 is all about a new zest for life! In keeping with this year's lemon theme, culinary artists are encouraged to compete in the Love & Lemons culinary contest! There is no fee to participate and each culinary entry must be homemade and include lemon. A panel of judges will select the most lavish lemon creation and winners will be announced from the SummerNight main stage during the Art Walk.

SummerNight will also feature a Lemonade Parade beginning at the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for Arts & Humanities (Pebble Hill). The community is encouraged to arrive at 5 p.m. to create free parade attire as well as decorate their bikes, strollers, wagons, etc. and then march along in the parade! Magnolia Avenue will be closed from Debardeleben Street to Gay Street as a special guest Grand Marshal leads the parade into downtown to officially kick off SummerNight! Any business or organization interested in participating in the SummerNight parade may fill out an application at auburnsummernight.org. Individual community participants do not need to fill out an application.

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The SummerNight Downtown Art Walk is an arts festival that transforms downtown Auburn into its very own arts district, featuring the work of local and regional artists, live musicians,

street performers, great food and children's activities. Each year, the Auburn Arts Association, City of Auburn / Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center (JDCAC), Auburn Downtown Merchants Association and Pebble Hill host this event to highlight the many talented artists in our community in addition to promoting the unique Auburn downtown area.