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SoNo Arts Fest this Weekend: Find Some Art, See the Puppet Parade, Catch a Band

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The SoNo Arts Festival happens live in historic South Norwalk on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Admission to the Arts Festival is free.

This juried event will feature more than 125 artisans, children's activities, performing artists, musical performances, an artists lounge with specialty drinks, amazing local restaurants and a puppet parade.

On Saturday and Sunday, artist booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring one-of-a-kind ceramics, wearable art and a wide variety of other fine arts and crafts.

Exhibitors will share their unique talents and creativity in painted wood, wearable and decorative fiber,

metalwork, leather, paper arts, glass, ceramics, jewelry, photography and more.

The exhibitors will not only showcase their work, but will also inform attendees about their creative process with demonstrations and text. All exhibited works will be available for purchase.

A gallery of SoNo Arts Festival Art

More than Displays of Artwork

The Children's Art Playground opens at 11 a.m. each day with a variety of crafts and activities — including musical performances — for children of all ages.

On Saturday, performances by local and regional bands begin at noon and continue after the artist booths close with shows at 6 and 9 p.m. Sunday features musical performances from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The band lineup is [available here at the SoNo Arts Festival website](#).

A highly-anticipated event is the new Giant Puppet Parade at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Directed by Heather Kahlert and created by volunteers over several months, this magnificent parade will march through the SoNo Arts Festival in a spectacular blaze of color, music and creativity.

On both days, food and beverage courts will be complemented by local restaurants and merchants offering weekend specials to patrons.

The streets of historic South Norwalk will come alive with the sounds of music, laughter, conversation and the presence of art.

“The SoNo Arts Festival, returning with a fresh style and renewed energy, will offer something for everyone — from children to seniors,” said festival organizer Sue Brown Gordon.

“We anticipate a record turnout as people from New England and the New York Metro Area come to interact directly with and purchase items from the highly-skilled artists and craftspeople from all over the country.”

It a great opportunity to collect original fine art and become inspired from such a beautiful community art event.

The SoNo Arts Festival at Washington and Main Streets is a short walk or taxi ride from the Metro-North Railroad South Norwalk Station and is easily reached from Connecticut Exit 15 on I-95.

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