

Make Room for Lunch: Food Trucks Bring Their Best to the Richmond Art Center's Holiday Arts Festival

There's more than just art to buy at this year's Art Center's annual holiday festival with food trucks and Richmond's own craft brewery and cidery participating.

RICHMOND, CA — November 29, 2016—On Sunday, December 4, 2016, the largest community event and fundraiser for the Richmond Art Center returns for its 54th year, with over 50 local artists and artisan collectives participating. In addition, this year's festival is also hosting three local food trucks, as well as two other Richmond-based vendors: a craft brewery and a cidery.

“So much of bringing people together for this event is centered around artists, which makes perfect sense,” says Nisha Chauhan-McGrath, Volunteer Services Coordinator and Holiday Arts Festival coordinator. “We wanted to make sure that our visitors have an all-around great shopping experience, and that has to include good food and drink, and a place to mingle and connect.”



The food truck idea is a new one for the decades old arts festival but a welcome one at the Richmond Art Center. Participating vendors include [Curbside Kitchen](#), a gourmet mobile food truck based out of San Pablo, CA, that offers Filipino-American cuisine, with hints of Latin and Southeast Asian flair. Favorite dishes include their Curb-bahn mi, described as traditional Filipino adobo meets bahn mi, and small plates that include Filipino street tacos and Mom's lumpia.



[Opie's Gourmet Stacked Burgers](#) will be on hand, serving up their sizzling full menu of signature “absolute best Gourmet STACKED Burgers” (not to mention herb/garlic fries and the “Herbavoire” for vegetarians).



[DUM Indian Soul Food](#) will treat customers to a modern interpretation of classic Indian flavors, “ the best of flavors and textures from north, east and south India to the streets of Bombay!” with specialties including Paneer Skewers seasoned with North Indian spices and served with tangy coconut chutney.



Local Richmond-based craft brewery [Benoit-Casper Brewing Company](#) (“Good Beer for Good People”), established in 2014 by two craft beer obsessed friends, Marc Benoit and Chad Casper, run a production-only brewery located in the heart of Richmond, and will be sharing several new drafts.



And [Far West Cider Company](#) will be sharing their hand-crafted ciders as Richmond’s only farm-to-glass cidery. Far West Cider Company specializes in uniquely Californian hard ciders made exclusively from apples grown on Chincholo Family Farms; a fourth generation family farm located in rural San Joaquin County, CA.

The festival opens its doors to the public at 11am and ends at 5pm at the Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Avenue in Richmond, CA. Attendees will be able to decorate their own canvas tote bag, perfect for shopping or carrying art supplies, create their own handmade terrariums, bid on silent auction items, mingle with many local artists and Richmond Art Center art instructors, and learn more about what’s happening in the Richmond nonprofit community.

This year's Holiday Arts Festival features many new artist vendors, and gourmet food trucks and food vendors on site. Art collectors mark the day as an opportunity to bid on collectible, prized works by notable Bay Area artists. To see the list of vendors and community partners participating in this event, please visit the Holiday Art Festival's web page as it will be continuously updated with current information: <http://richmondartcenter.org/holiday-arts-festival/>

About the Richmond Art Center:

The Richmond Art Center is the largest visual arts center in the East Bay, delivering exciting arts experiences to young and old alike who reflect the diverse richness of our community. The Art Center features hands-on learning, well-equipped studios, Art in the Community programs and contemporary exhibitions in its galleries.

Every year, the Richmond Art Center serves thousands of students through classes and programs taught by professional artists, both onsite at the Art Center and at sites throughout Richmond. The Art Center's four galleries mount rotating exhibitions that display the works of emerging and established Bay Area artists. Artists such as Richard Diebenkorn, Jay DeFeo, Wanxin Zhang, Hung Liu, William Wiley and Peter Voulkos have been showcased here.

Now celebrating its 80th anniversary, the Richmond Art Center originated in 1936, when local artist Hazel Salmi, who worked for the WPA, traversed the streets of Richmond with a suitcase packed with art supplies, eager to teach art to anyone interested. Today, everything at the Art Center continues to breathe life into Salmi's original vision: That within every person lives an artist.

Visit the Richmond Art Center's website for more information: <http://richmondartcenter.org/>

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