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## November's Gallery Night Pensacola Event Promotes 'Shop Local' for the Holidays, plus a Santa Parade by Winterfest!

Featuring expanded artist area and Rainbow Glass Productions

On Friday, November 16 from 5pm-11pm, Gallery Night Pensacola will kick off the holiday season with a "Shop Local for the Holidays" themed event. Art, music, food, hands on activities, a Santa Parade by Winterfest, new expanded artists area and more. This month's theme encourages patrons to shop local and make holiday purchases from the many galleries, shops, local artisans and more. "When you buy from local artists, galleries, shops and restaurants, you continue to strengthen and support our local economy," said Sydney Robinson, Gallery Night Pensacola Director. "We want this Gallery Night event to be the start of an amazing holiday shopping season in Downtown Pensacola!"

Gallery Night Pensacola will feature the work of Rainbow Glass Productions. Rainbow Glass Productions is a collaboration by Jamie Estes and Andrew Thompson. Jamie and Andrew first met in 2013 while both blowing glass in school at the Appalachian Center for Craft in Smithville, Tennessee. He knew how to blow glass and she was a freshman with no experience. Quickly, they both noticed the other's work ethic

and teamed up. At first, Andrew had all the technical skill and Jamie had all the creative power. Eventually, both could feed off of one another and grow together. Now, they are a great team and continue to get better and better at their craft. Patrons can see their work and meet them at the featured artist tent located on Palafox St., between Garden and Romana Streets, during the Gallery Night event.

Gallery Night events bring "Art To The Streets" now with the expansion of the artists area, it will now include more 35 fine artists, craftsman, five food trucks, kids activities and live music venues. Artistic mediums to include glass, paint, woodworking, jewelry, and mixed media. In addition to arts and activities, downtown restaurants, galleries and shops will be open extended hours encouraging patrons to come and explore our award winning downtown.

Participating Downtown Pensacola merchants and businesses: Al Fresco, Badlands, Artel Gallery, Blend Lounge, Blue Morning Gallery, Bluejay's Bakery, Dog House Deli, CoWork @nnex, Urban Swinery, Hopjacks, Pot Roast & Pinot, Intermission, Jackson's Steakhouse, Play, O'Riley's Irish Pub, Seville Quarter, Shux Oyster Bar, Jeweler's Trade Shop, The Tin Cow, V Paul's, Wild Greg's Saloon, World of Beer, Jordan Valley Restaurant, Legal Graffiti sponsored by Zarzaur Law, P.A., Cigar Factory Pensacola, Belle Ame', The Wine Bar, Casks and Flights Wine Tasting Room, Cactus Cantina, Travel Leaders Pensacola and Nom Sushi Izakaya.

Gallery Night Pensacola is a 501c3 non-profit organization who's events are made possible by the following sponsors: Stevenson Klotz Law, Escape Wellness Spa, Emmanuel Sheppard and Condon, Regions Bank, Lewis Bear Company, Highpoint Hotel Corporation, Levin-Rinke Realty, Coca-Cola, YMCA of Northwest Florida, Spotless Logistics, Sports Clips, CoWork @nnex, The Sign Shop of Pensacola, DR Horton Homes, Bob Tyler Toyota, inweekly, Clever Ogre, Ride Society, Storage King USA, Hiles McLeod and Calliope Films.

For more information visit <u>gallerynightpensacola.org</u>.

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## **About Gallery Night Pensacola**

The mission of Gallery Night Pensacola is an engaging cultural community event that takes the "Art to the Streets" where visitors can connect with the unique Culture of Pensacola.

Through this 501c3 non-profit organization, individual artists will have the opportunity to

showcase their talent, area arts organizations will host public performances and demonstrations, downtown businesses will enhance the downtown experience and other community non-profits will add to the Gallery Night experience.