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## Gallery Night Pensacola Events to Return in 2021

Art and Culture Event Continues to Monitor Health Situation,  
Planning Virtual Events Through 2020

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PENSACOLA, FL - November 22, 2020 - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gallery Night Pensacola will not be holding in-person events for reasons of community safety for the remainder of 2020. Gallery Night Pensacola will continue to host virtual events, including Artists Talks, to provide a safe alternative for Gallery Night fans, supporters, sponsors and merchants.

Since March 2020, Gallery Night Pensacola has been on hold due to city, state and restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. The City announced in September that they would begin issuing event permits on a case-by-case basis and require a detailed COVID-safe plan. Since that change, Gallery Night has reached out to the city for guidance on how an event of our size could be held safely and whether it is advisable.

With this new information, the Gallery Night Board concluded that Gallery Night will not resume events immediately and will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that event attendees and businesses are safe.

“While the Gallery Night board is eager to return to what we do best, the scale of our event means we are just not able to return at this time.” said executive director Sydney Robinson. “We will continue to monitor the system, work with the city, and plan to return in early 2021.”

Since Gallery Night events were suspended in March, the Gallery Night Pensacola Board of Directors has worked hard to provide virtual and pop-up events to promote the local artist community and Downtown Pensacola businesses. For the remainder of 2020, Gallery Night is planning virtual artist

talks with local artists and other interactive art events. So far, Gallery Night has featured artist talks with Dylan Nadsady, Laura Bogan and Sereen Gualtieri.

Please refer to CDC guidelines for more information on COVID-19 and proper precautions to protect yourself and the public.

For more information visit [gallerynightpensacola.org](http://gallerynightpensacola.org).

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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.