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**Gallery Night to Return October 15 with Halloween Themed Event**  
Event Brings Art on Street, Musical Performances, Food Trucks, and More  
Back To Downtown Pensacola

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September 27, 2021 - The Gallery Night Pensacola Board of Directors is pleased to announce the return of Gallery Night events in Downtown Pensacola beginning October 15 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The October 15 Gallery Night, presented by Publix, will return at full capacity after two months of virtual-only events.

The October theme is Halloween, a crowd favorite for locals. Participants are encouraged to dress up in costume and enjoy themed specials, art and performers. The Halloween-themed event will feature aerialist performers as well as stilt-walkers, jugglers and other carnival-themed performers. Other exciting musicians and artists will be announced closer to the event via social media.

Gallery Night's October featured artist is Chip Spirson, a local painter whose subject matter features witches and ghouls and other spooky materials. Each composition is a unique piece of fantasy artwork that finds its roots in layered subliminal messages.

Chip Spirson is currently based in Pensacola, Florida. He works in many media including painting (oils, acrylics, tempera and inks) sculpture and up-cycled and found objects. His inspirations come from observations of daily life. He has the ability to take in abundant information of the natural/social world

and synthesize personalized interpretations. His compositions are valid inquiries into things that are. Look beyond familiar characters and techniques to find reflections of the human condition.

Chip Spirson has been honored to have been listed in the Creek Hall of Fame, has won the Mississippi/Alabama Bi-State juried show, been juried Best of Show, First Place and Second-honorable mention along with a Judge's Award in multiple shows at Artel Gallery. Spirson is part of the permanent collection of the Meridian Mississippi Museum of Art, has been accepted to display at the Greater Gulf Coast Arts Festival and was honored by the Pensacola Symphony when a sonata was composed to his paintings.

Each Gallery Night event features more than 25 local artists displaying their one-of-a-kind creations in open-air tents lining the streets., with one talented artist presented as the Featured Artist for the evening.

Participating downtown bars and restaurants are open and serving guests, local shops and galleries will be open late and provide event patrons a chance to shop for unique gifts and wares. Live music and performances can spring up spontaneously - so be ready to be entertained! Each Gallery Night Pensacola event's special themes sets the tone for the performers, art, and activities that are sure to please.

"We are so glad to be back in person once again, just in time for one of the most popular Gallery Night events of the season," said Executive Director Sydney Robinson. "Art fans won't want to miss this spooky art and culture event."

The Pensacola Gallery Night Board encourages mask usage for those who are not vaccinated or are at high health risk.

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.