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## **Gallery Night is "Dancin' in the Street!"**

**Featuring Our Second Annual Dance Off & Over 60 Local Artists**

PENSACOLA, Fla. (April 21st, 2023) — On Friday, April 21st, from 5 – 9 pm, Gallery Night Pensacola is "Dancin' in the Street!" Join us and share in the festivities as we are hosting our Second Annual Dance Off Competition and lining downtown Palafox Street with Dance Zone performances from local dance groups.

Gallery Night is an all-ages, community, arts, and cultural event on the third Friday of each month from 5 – 9 pm. Our unique monthly themes set the tone for each event's art, performers, musical performance stages, and activities that are sure to please. Our monthly events are made possible by Publix, our excellent community partner.

Gallery Night's Featured Artist for April is The Hip Hop Society of Northwest Florida. Founded in 2011, The Hip Hop Society aims to promote and celebrate Hip Hop culture through breakdance, DJing, graffiti, and rap. The society strives to educate and empower individuals through the art of dance while promoting positive values such as teamwork, creativity, and self-expression. They offer various programs, workshops, and events, creating a vibrant and supportive community of dancers and enthusiasts. Want to learn more? Make sure to stop by the Featured Artist Tent located at the intersection of Palafox & Romana.

This month, Gallery Night's Garden Street Main Stage welcomes the talented local dancers Julius Benson, founding member of P'Cola Poppers; Anastasia Bonner, member of B-girl Crew; Brandice Purvis, owner of Perdido Performing Arts; and District 3 County Commissioner Lumon May as our special guest judge. Catch this panel of celebrity judges and our Second Annual Dance Off Competition at the Garden Street Main Stage from 6-9 pm!

This year's dance competition is open to individuals and performance groups of all ages - showcasing two categories: youth and adult/mixed, each competing for a \$500 cash prize!! This event feature is sure to wow the crowd!

Gallery Night's extensive art zones will be hosting over 60 local artisans along Palafox Street at this month's event. Don't miss our newest addition - Gallery Night's Market Zone, located at Government Street across from Plaza Ferdinand. Event patrons have more shopping opportunities when visiting our artists' open-air tents along the streetside. Maybe you will find that unique treasure you have been searching for.

Find returning event features: Legal Graffiti, sponsored by Zarzaur Law at Romana and Palafox, and venture a bit more south to the Youth Music Project Stage, sponsored by Stevenson Klotz, at the corner of Palafox and Government.

Participating downtown bars and restaurants are open and serving guests. Additionally, local shops and galleries will remain open late, providing the opportunity to shop for additional unique gifts and wares.

This is your last chance to catch Artel Gallery's *The Seven Deadly Sins* exhibit. Artel keeps their doors open late every Gallery Night for event patrons to stop in and view current exhibits.

Questions during the event? Stop by Gallery Night's Information Booth located near the intersection of Palafox & Romana, and sponsored by Escape Wellness Spa & Stevenson Klotz.

Gallery Night Pensacola's Board of Directors encourages mask usage for those who are not vaccinated or are at high health risk.

Those interested can find more information and updates on artists, performers, special events, sponsors, and more on Gallery Night's social media pages and website ([gallerynightpensacola.org](http://gallerynightpensacola.org)). GNP's website offers an interactive event map, artist list, performance schedule, and more.