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**MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS CALLED TO SUBMIT TO BE A PART OF 20th ANNIVERSARY
ATHFEST MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL**

AthFest Educates has opened the submission process for both bands to perform at this year's 20th Anniversary AthFest Music and Arts Festival, and for artists to be a part of the festival's Artist Market. The music and arts festival takes place June 24th-26th, with affiliated events starting June 22nd. Deadlines for both applications for performing and having an artist booth are due April 1st.

Musical acts of all genres are encouraged to apply to perform on one of the two outdoor stages at AthFest. About 85% of acts chosen to perform at AthFest are from the Athens area, and the rest are from other regions. Applicants can either submit an Electronic Press Kit via Sonicbids <http://www.sonicbids.com/find-gigs/2016-athfest/> or mail in a CD, band information and contact information. Information about submission is at <http://athfest.com/music-festival/music/musician-applications>. Acts will be notified by April 17th if they've been selected to play. All bands receive a stipend for playing. Questions can be directed to music@athfesteducates.org.

Artists can inquire about the Artist Market and receive applications by emailing art@athfesteducates.org or on the athfest.com website. Some booths will be set aside this year for high school and college students to showcase their work, with those artists having the option to do single day booths as well as for the whole weekend. These student booths will be among the fifty plus artist booths that will make up the juried market. Cash awards are given for Best in Show, Second Place and five honorable mentions from the categories: Best Booth; Visual Arts (Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media and Photography/Digital Art); Fabric, Clothing and Accessories; Jewelry; Hand-Crafted Items (Sculpture, Ceramics, Glass, Woodworking and Furniture). More information and the application can be seen at http://athfest.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Artist_Market_Application_AthFest_2016.pdf.

The AthFest Music and Arts Festival and affiliated events are fundraisers for AthFest Educates, an Athens-based non-profit organization that works to advance high-quality music and arts education for local youth and the Athens community through direct support of school and community-based programs and events.

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High resolution photos available on request

AthFest Educates advances high-quality music and arts education for local youth and the Athens community through direct support of school and community-based programs and events, including an annual music and arts festival.