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For Immediate Release

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University Park, October 21, 2008 – Governors State University is hosting the second annual Arts Fest on Thursday, November 6. Arts Fest is a creative and festive celebration of the arts that embrace s both the creative soul and the imaginative mind. Interactive workshops taught by art English and Media Communications faculty invite attendees to tap into their creative muse and learn more about the arts.

Workshop topics include mosaics, photography, digital film-making, creativity, and printmaking. Additionally seminars offered include an Art history round table discussion and "Two to See," a review of two of the most noted sculptures in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. The 26-piece outdoor sculpture park is on the grounds of Governors State University. Workshops will be held from 1 to 6 p.m.

Following the workshops and seminars, there will be performances by an art exhibition of the creations of GSU students and faculty and a performance by the Projection Band at 6 p.m.

In addition to the workshops and seminars, professors in art will be available to answer questions about the graduate and undergraduate degree programs in art and fine art at GSU. Portfolio reviews, a prerequisite for admission into the Master of Arts in Art program, will also be offered to prospective students who wish an objective and supportive review of their work.

"This is a unique event. We are opening the doors to our art facilities to give people an idea of how artistic skills are learned and how art is created," explained Dr. James Howley, Chair of the Division of Liberal Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences. "We want people to see artists at work and perhaps find the artist in themselves, too. It will be a wonderful event for young artists, families, and the community."

Art Fest is free and open to the public. Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL. For more information, call (708) 235-3956.