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Go Metro to LA Art Fest June 3-5

Metro will help celebrate community art with scores of artists and businesses for the first annual LA Art Fest in Downtown June 3-5, and encourages everyone to attend the festivities via Metro.

The first annual festival will feature artists, exhibitions, food, and performances in a celebration of the arts. The event begins with a \$5 Gala reception from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, June 3 at 405 Mateo, a 20,000 sq. ft. space in the Arts District. An exhibition, running through June 30, will showcase artworks from some of the most innovative and interesting artists in L.A.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, LA Art Fest's Outdoor Festival will feature art installations, live music, performance art, and hundreds of art booths and food vendors.

Hours are from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 5.

The inaugural event will take place at the future Little Tokyo/Arts District transit stop for the Metro Gold Line, which is now being extended from downtown to East L.A, a six-mile route scheduled for completion in 2009. Community members can find out more about this new rail service at the agency's information booth at the festival.

Metro serves the festival area through several local bus lines: 30, 31, 40, 42, 439, 444 and 446. Other services include DASH A, Torrance 2 and Gardena 1 lines.

For more festival information, call 310-387-3395 or check the LA Art Fest web site at www.laartfest.org.

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