

## **Dear Artists,**

***It is with a sad heart that we write to inform you that we will be taking 2020 off from the Wayzata Art Experience.***

After extensive conversations with the committee and the City of Wayzata, we have decided that due to major construction in downtown Wayzata, it is in the best interest of artists and our guests to rest this year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to welcoming you back in 2021.

### **How We Made the Decision**

We were informed of the final timeline from our City in December and have met with several stakeholders to consider all options including moving the location of the event. After an initial set back to the start of the original construction timeline, the City of Wayzata and Stahl Construction will begin roadwork in March on Lake Street and the project will not be completed until September of 2020. The greatest impact on the street is set to occur right during our event dates.

Our chief priority is to produce a high-quality art show for artists, visitors, sponsors and residents. Lake Street, the current event location is one of our biggest assets. Although we are disappointed and will miss the Wayzata Art Experience this year, we believe our location is a vital part of the Art Experience's success, overlooking Lake Minnetonka, and we won't settle for anything less.

### **Something to Look Forward To**

We look forward to greeting you in 2021 with a brand-new park and beautiful improvements to Lake Street. If you have any interest in taking part in our September Festival – James J. Hill Days (Sept. 11-13, 2020), the street market vendor application will be available in early June. We have an attendance of approximately 70,000 annually. Please email [info@wayzatachamber.com](mailto:info@wayzatachamber.com) if you would like to be added to that email list to receive the vendor application.

Stay tuned for announcements on the 2021 Wayzata Art Experience application, and please mark your calendar for June 26 & 27, 2021.

***All the best,***

2020 Wayzata Art Experience Committee &  
Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee