



2025 ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN INFORMATION

Please review all Mainsail Arts Festival rules and information online prior to the show. They were emailed to you when you received your acceptance email in December 2024, and they are available here: <https://www.mainsailart.org/application-info/>

DATES: Saturday, April 5th through Sunday, April 6th

HOURS: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Petersburg's beautiful downtown waterfront, Vinoy Park

DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK: If arriving by way of I-275, take the exit for I-375 East (The Pier exit) which becomes 4th Avenue NE. Take 4th Avenue to Beach Drive and take a left at stop sign. When you reach the stop light at 5th Avenue NE, you will make a right. The Vinoy Hotel will be at that intersection. Take 5th Avenue NE all the way down to where it turns left at Vinoy Park
FOR GPS entry: 701 Bayshore Dr. NE

Go to the **INFORMATION TENT**, which will be located at the foot of 7th Avenue NE and Bayshore Dr. NE.

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS THIS YEAR'S FREE PARKING UNTIL YOU HAVE CHECKED IN, RECEIVED A HANGTAG AND INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT WHERE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE.

CHECK-IN: Artists must check in at the Mainsail **INFORMATION TENT** prior to set up. You may check in Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. **You may NOT check in to the show or set up past 6 p.m. on Friday and all vehicles must be out of the park by 6 p.m.**

Vinoy Park will be closed both Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. the following morning. No one will be permitted in the park when it is closed. Security personnel will be on duty both nights.

UNLOADING AND LOADING: On Friday you may drive into the park from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Saturday you may drive into the park from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. On Sunday you may drive into the park from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and at the end of the show on Sunday – **when Fire Safety and Police give the all clear.**

When unloading artwork please unload as quickly as possible to leave more room for others to unload at their tents. **ATTENTION: Due to the large number of attendees on Sunday afternoon, no vehicles will be allowed into the park until the crowd has thinned out and St. Petersburg Police have given the go-ahead for vehicles to drive into the park.**

BOOTH SPACES: All spaces are located on the grass and are approximately 12'x12'. We hope you'll understand in configuring the booth spaces that we must try to work around trees within the grass area. You are responsible for all your display needs. Canopies, display walls and tables must be sturdy enough to withstand crowds and weather conditions. Mainsail assumes no liability for loss suffered to your work for any reason. **PLEASE PLACE THE LEFT AND RIGHT FRONT CORNERS OF YOUR BOOTH WHERE THE CORNER INDICATORS ARE MARKED. DOING THIS WITH YOUR 10'x10' BOOTH WILL ALLOW YOU TWO FEET OF SPACE BEHIND YOUR BOOTH FOR STORAGE.**

BOOTH NAME CARD: A booth name card will be provided in your packet. It indicates your name, category, city, state, and booth number. This sign **MUST** be displayed in your booth to facilitate the judging process. Each artist also is provided a nametag, which she/he is requested to wear. Artists must be in their booth space as much as possible during judging and must exhibit both days to receive awards. If we find you are not on site, we will ask that your artwork be removed from the park.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the event of rain, please check with the Mainsail Information Tent for instructions. The show will not be canceled and awards will still be given.