

Abbot Kinney Street Festival Goes Green – To Be Held September 30, 2007

Kids' Play Court, 300 Arts & Crafts Vendors, 3 Musical Stages, and New Green Living Tent

VENICE, Calif. – Sept. 5 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – The Abbot Kinney District Association (AKDA) announces the 23rd Annual Abbot Kinney Street Festival will take place on September 30, 2007 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The family-friendly festival, held between Main Street and Venice Boulevard on Abbot Kinney Boulevard, will feature over 300 arts and crafts vendors, a Youth and Family Court, three musical stages, a “Green Living Tent,” three food courts and a beer garden. Admission is free. All proceeds will support local environmental and youth programs.



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This year, the festival will be a green event and will include a Green Living Tent, featuring speakers, seminars on environmental issues and vendors that sell eco-friendly goods. Speakers will include City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, and experts on green building, pet care, solar power and more. The AKDA is also requiring food vendors to use corn-plastic plates and utensils that are easily composted. “That’s at least 100,000 fewer plastic forks and foam plates in our landfills,” says AKDA member Nick Karno, who expects up to 150,000 people to attend. The festival organizers will also use solar power

when possible. Any other carbon emissions will be offset.

As in past years, 300 arts and crafts vendors will offer their wares for sale as visitors enjoy music, food and spirits. Parents and children can also visit the Youth and Family Court organized by Inside Out Community Arts, a nationally recognized Venice-based non-profit providing after school arts programs for at-risk youth. There will be crafts, rides, games, and special entertainment just for kids.

“The Youth and Family Court brings together people of all ages and backgrounds to celebrate our common humanity and have a blast,” says Jonathan Zeichner, Executive Director of Inside Out Community Arts. Admission is free. Rides and games range in price from \$1.00-\$5.00. Group discounts are available.

The Abbot Kinney District Association is a group dedicated to improving the Venice community and environs by producing community events on Abbot Kinney Boulevard. All proceeds from the street festival go to support local organizations with an emphasis on youth and the arts.

For details or a vendor application: www.abbotkinney.org

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