



Festival-goers who have enjoyed ArtSplash since it dived onto the scene in 2003 will be delighted to rediscover the traditional chalk art created by professional and amateur artists; sand sculpting by Gerry Kirk; Fern Street Circus; street entertainers, rock-stacking, hat-making and other art opportunities; juried art vendors; and a silent auction of hand-painted skimboards, adirondack chairs, beach umbrellas and guitars. A Family Art Carnival will offer a ferris wheel of fun arts activities at reasonable prices while Studio 2 artists paint themselves out of a mural of Maxfield Parrish's "Ecstasy."

Delicious new features include a revamped Taste at ArtSplash™, offering a 16-restaurant sampling of everything from tostada tidbits and cerviche, to wonton chicken and pulled pork, to pizza and French pastries. This year, Bellefleur Wine Garden joins the popular Karl Strauss Beer Garden, with additional food vendors offering a variety of refreshments.

New artistic twists include famed cheese sculptor Sarah Nep carving a bust of Carlsbad Mayor Claude A. "Bud" Lewis out of a massive hunk of cheddar and glassblowing demonstrations provided by renowned glass artist James Stone. On the entertainment front, last year's 17-foot robotic, music-playing giraffe will return while balloon man Skip Banks makes his ArtSplash debut in a big bubble way.

Emcee Killarney Carnohan kicks off the event Saturday morning as a face-painted Mayor Lewis welcomes the crowd and checks out his burgeoning bust of cheese. The \$20 Taste tickets can be purchased prior to the event at the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce (call 760.931.8400) or on-site.

Come hungry and get creative, advises Miringoff, saying, "ArtSplash 2008 will be the most delicious festival yet!" For additional information, please see the attached Fact Sheet or visit [www.CarlsbadArtSplash.org](http://www.CarlsbadArtSplash.org). To set up an exclusive preview of an ArtSplash feature and/or interview with a guest artist, please call 760.436.2828.