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Art, Wine & Wheels to take place May 6 - 8, 2022

Ridgeland, Miss. (April 23, 2022) – The Ridgeland Tourism Commission, city of Ridgeland and MIND Center UMMC announced Art, Wine and Wheels weekend will take place May 6 - 8, 2022, in Ridgeland, Miss., at the open-air Renaissance at Colony Park and along the Natchez Trace Parkway. The weekend includes the Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival hosted by the Ridgeland Tourism Commission, Sante South Wine Festival benefiting the MIND Center UMMC and the Natchez Trace Century Ride hosted and put on by the city.

“Over the last 13 years, this all-encompassing weekend in Ridgeland has grown to include fine arts and wine festivals with live music and great food and a bicycle ride that brings in hundreds of folks from all over the U.S.,” said Mayor Gene McGee. “This is a wonderful event for the city of Ridgeland and offers such a variety of activities for people of all ages.”

Art, Wine and Wheels opens Friday night, 5 p.m. with a free-to-attend Kick-Off Concert, open artist booths, food trucks and two bars. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. the Molly Ringwalds Band will take the stage. The Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival is free to attend. In honor of Mother’s Day Weekend, the Kids Corner craft stations will be expanded to offer the opportunity to create make-and-take crafts, including a Mother’s Day themed option, and enjoy a reading nook provided by Up-Country Camp.

“We are excited to continue growing the Art, Wine and Wheels weekend into one of our state’s signature events, welcoming guests from across the nation,” said Ridgeland Tourism Commission President and CEO Chris Chapman. “Many of our hotel partners are offering special rates, and we all look forward to safely welcoming both visitors and locals to enjoy the best Ridgeland has to offer – all in one weekend.”

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The Sante South Wine Festival returns full scale this year Sat. 7:30 - 10 p.m. Tickets are \$150, and proceeds benefit The MIND Center UMMC, a partner of Alzheimer's Mississippi.

“The Sante South Wine Festival and hundreds of guests who attend the event help The MIND Center provide support and hope to Mississippians living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers,” said Patricia Palmer McClure.

Century Ride will feature a VIP Social Friday night with the ride starting at 7 a.m. Saturday. Registration is required and is \$55 per rider.

Details on all weekend events can be found at www.artwineandwheels.com.

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Friday, May 6

- Natchez Trace Century Ride VIP Social – **5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- Kick-Off Party with Molly Ringwalds (Live Music) – **6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. house music starts at 5 p.m.**
- Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival Artists Booths Open – **5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Saturday, May 7

- Natchez Trace Century Ride – **7 a.m.**
- Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival – **10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**
- Sante South Wine Festival – **7:30 – 10 p.m.**

Sunday, May 2

- Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival – **11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**