

Rittenhouse Square Fine Art Show

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BACKGROUND

The Rittenhouse Square Fine Art Show (RSFAS) is the oldest outdoor fine art show in the United States, founded in 1928 by local art students who displayed their work on clotheslines in Philadelphia's iconic Rittenhouse Square Park. Now celebrating 97 years of history, RSFAS features over 140 professional artists from across the nation, as well as student artists, showcasing a diverse range of media. Held twice a year, in spring and fall, this beloved event continues to honor its roots while offering a dynamic celebration of artistic talent in the heart of the city.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Execute thorough research using archival materials, including old binders, photos, board agendas, and minutes from the RSFAS's history. This involves cataloging, analyzing, and summarizing key documents to construct a comprehensive historical narrative
- Conduct interviews with key individuals such as past and present board members, artists, and community partners to gather firsthand accounts and insights into the show's evolution and impact

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Gain expertise in conducting detailed historical research, including the use of archival materials and primary sources
- Focus on presenting complex information clearly and engagingly to diverse audiences, such as academic peers and community members
- Understand the intricacies of managing and organizing a long-standing cultural event, encompassing aspects of operations, and community engagement

