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***ARTWALK 2011 HITS A HOME RUN FOR VISITORS WITH  
RECORDS SET IN FAYETTEVILLE***



**Move aside, economic groans--the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ArtWalk held by Arts for Rural Texas has reason to celebrate. From all reports, this recent event on the square of Fayetteville was the largest crowd in the history of the event, and for a good cause—the children.**

The historic square hosted 62 artists with the Fayetteville High School art class selling \$800.00 of artwork. For the second year, \$300.00 of these proceeds is going to support art classes in Haiti. Additionally, over \$6,500 in artists awards were presented at a reception for 200 guests on Saturday night.

“The musical groups consisting of Fayette Czech Singers and Dancers with Jimmie Fucik on accordion, Mike Stroup and Friends, Just Duet Plus Two, Austin Classic Guitar Society, Jim & Bobbi, Jalapeno Honey all donated their time to make this event entertaining,” states Natalie Bloom-Office Manager at Arts for Rural Texas. “Sponsors to the free event included Bill and Susan Hightower, Mark Chapman and Cheryl Mellenthin, Alta Mesa Resources, Inc., and Tom Vining with in-kind donations from locals and out side of the area including: Mike Stroup, Copy.com Printing, Que Imaging, Fayetteville Store, Westside Shamrock, Joe’s Place, Hillary Hobbs with Cool-A-Zone, and Outsmart Magazine.” Natalie concludes, “We are already looking forward to next year and are very grateful to the volunteers that have made this possible.”

For more information on future events or how to help the children of the community in the area of arts, contact Natalie Bloom at the Arts for Rural Texas 979-378-2113, e-mail [Natalie@artsforruraltexas.org](mailto:Natalie@artsforruraltexas.org), or go to the website at [www.artsforruraltexas.org](http://www.artsforruraltexas.org).

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