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Fine Arts Festival Purchase Award

The 9th annual Deerfield Festival of Fine Arts was held on June 4 & 5 at the corner of Robert York Road and Jewett Park Drive. Over 100 artists from all across the country came to Deerfield to participate in this weekend of art. Silk art creator, Prince Duncan-Williams, received the Festival Purchase Award. Nearly 4 decades in the making, Prince Duncan-Williams has perfected art carried down from generations to create breathtaking large scale masterpieces that combine African and American culture. Prince is most inspired by Jazz music, Rhythm, Harmony, Native Art and the great Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse. The musical influence is apparent in his pieces from the harmonious juxtaposition of colors and shapes creating a melody of color, texture and perfectly balanced shapes.

Silk art creation is a unique, laborious and complicated process in which a blended silk and rayon thread is arranged by hand a glued in rows. The rows of thread work around a spiral and, every so often, change direction, creating facets, patterns, and depth. These contrasting flows of colorful thread enhance the texture and mood of each dazzling image, creating a truly unique art form unto itself. There is no stitching involved in silk art creation; every piece is done entirely by hand, making each an original. Depending on the size, each silk art creation requires 40 to over 320 hours of meticulous labor.

Prince Duncan-Williams' award winning piece, "Jazzy" is now on display at Village Hall outside the Robert D. Franz Council Chambers.

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Fine Arts Commission Chairman, Jeff Marks, Presenting Prince Duncan-Williams with the Festival Purchase Award



Prince Duncan-Williams at his studio in Las Vegas



"Jazzy" by Prince Duncan-Williams on display at Village Hall

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