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## Over the Hill and through the woods to a chalk art festival like no other – La Strada dei Pastelli Chalk Art Festival

### Photos / Files



La Strada dei Pastelli logo



Chalk art by Chelsey Austin



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Beaverton, conveniently centered between Portland and Hillsboro, is quickly competing with the two cities as an arts and culture hotbed. Along with the Beaverton’s highly anticipated Patricia Reser Center for the Arts, independent organizations like 2D4D are taking creativity-based outreach to the next level. One example of this is La Strada dei Pastelli Chalk Art Festival. The August 10 and 11, happening at Cedar Hills Crossing, is an immersive, large-scale street painting experience wherein professional chalk artists are being flown in from around the country to create larger-than-life images directly on the asphalt.

The ephemeral experience is fleeting as artists, like Chelsey Austin (GA) begin loosely drawing out their 10’x10’+ compositions Saturday morning and complete them by Sunday afternoon’s award ceremony. Chelsey is an Atlanta-based artist who has been creating chalk art for over 11 years. She is a designated Master Street Artist by the Florida Chalk Artist Association, and frequently travels across the country as a featured artist in chalk festivals. Chelsey is best known for free-handing all of her work into masterfully blended realism and colorful fantasy imagery.

The Festival will also feature an active lineup of live performances by groups like Portland Opera A La Cart and Beaverton Community Band. Local art vendors will be showcasing multimedia works from paintings to woodworking. Ample family activities are also being provided by organizations, including Rivermark Community Bank, Beaverton Civic Theatre’s The Playhouse, and Bach-to-Rock. La Strada dei Pastelli is free and open to the public. Visit [www.2D4D.org](http://www.2D4D.org)

**What:** La Strada dei Pastelli Chalk Art Festival, supported in part by Cedar Hills Crossing, City of Beaverton, and Beaverton Toyota is an immersive, large-scale street painting experience wherein professional chalk artists will be working on larger-than-life, bold images directly on the asphalt. The weekend will also feature live music and local art vendors. Young and old are invited to take part in multiple hands-on activities from chalking their own masterpieces to making take-home gifts. The Festival is FREE and open to the public.

**When:** August 10 & 11, 2019; 11:00am-6:00pm each day

**Where:** Cedar Hills Crossing, 3205 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97005. (Corner of SW Walker and SW Cedar Hills Blvd.)

### About 2D4D

2D4D works to strengthen the region’s creative impact by helping artists and arts-leaders in the 2-dimensional and 4-dimensional (time-based) fields achieve greater potentials both individually and collectively. 2D4D does this by providing free and low-cost classes, workshops, networking events, exhibition and performance opportunities each designed to expose the value, function, and

necessity for social diversity and dialog. This is only possible by bridging interaction between the arts and non-arts communities to recognize that each supports the other. [www.2d4d.org](http://www.2d4d.org)