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700 attend inaugural Florence Fest '17 March 31 and April 1 at Florence Events Center

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Florence Fest '17, held last weekend at the Florence Events Center, was a success on a number of levels, according to event coordinator Jon Thompson. "There were approximately 700 tickets sold for the festival. Over the two days, 15 pieces of art were sold for more than \$15,000," he said. Florence Regional Arts Alliance held a juried art show during the event, featuring 47 pieces of hand-selected art. Performers included The Michael Anderson Jazz Trio, Michelle and Dav Van Handel, Tony Glausi and his Nine-Piece Funk Band, Paul Biondi and the Gus Russell Quartet, Miles to Go Quartet featuring Maree Beers, Dan Latarski and D'Trio and the Halie Loren Quintet. "We are evaluating the event in the coming weeks but the feedback has been so overwhelmingly positive that I don't know how we could not do the event again next year," Thompson said.



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