

# Artscape dampened by rain, but still drew attendees

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Despite rain on Saturday and Sunday, Artscape 2018 still had a relatively healthy turnout of attendees across the three days of the free outdoor arts festival.

Friday, the first day of the annual summer concert, brought out massive crowds. With sunny skies, temperatures in the mid- to high-80s and rain forecasted for the rest of the weekend, many took advantage of the good weather.

A large crowd also came out Friday [to see 90s R&B girl group TLC perform](#).

*Take a look at scenes from Artscape 2018 in the gallery at the top of the page.*

On Saturday, organizers closed down the festival at 6 p.m. due to heavy rain

and "deteriorating conditions."

[Kathy Hornig](#), director of the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts, which organizes Artscape, [said last week that the organization hoped](#) cooler temperatures would encourage a larger turnout. Typically, the festival falls on one of the hottest weekends of the summer.

Rain continued through Sunday and attendance the third day of the festival was down as well.

Artscape typically averages between 350,000 and 400,000 visitors and consists of 16 city blocks along Mount Royal Avenue and North Charles Street. It includes large-scale art installations, performances and dozens of stalls selling art, accessories, food and drinks.

This year there were more than 120 vendors, performances and exhibitions from more than 200 artists and food from 48 stalls.

Though Artscape traditionally has a theme — recent ones include summer camp and outer space — the festival was theme-less this year as a way of returning to the basics. However, several exhibits still carried an environmentally-friendly theme as it has in the past.