Art is important. But getting people to talk about art is hard. Getting an entire city to talk about art for nineteen days would seem near impossible, unless you’re in Grand Rapids, Michigan this September 21 through October 9.
Experience ArtPrize in Grand Rapids over three captivating days!

ArtPrize, in its seventh year, is an unprecedented and fascinating event for public engagement in art. Each year, Michigan’s second-largest city is awash in art over nineteen days. Crowds converge on museums. Arguments about the merits of various entries fill restaurants and coffee houses and online comment sections. The city’s largest television station broadcasts near the Grand Rapids Art Museum as if it were The Today Show. There are concerts and sponsor parties daily. Artists greet the public and pose for photos next to their work. Critical discussions of the major entries air live on local television.

One of the many remarkable things about ArtPrize is the joy. Art museums are solemn reverential places; people speak only in whispers, the lighting is controlled. At ArtPrize, the atmosphere is joyous. There’s a buzz in the air. I know of nothing remotely like it anywhere.

—Nicholas Wolterstorff
Calvin graduate, Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology, Yale University, emeritus

ArtPrize is the brain-child of a few Calvin grads and friends with a vision to share the arts with people in their city and around the world.

—Timothy Botts
Calligraphy Artist

What to expect October 4-6

Your art adventure begins each morning with lectures led by art experts at Calvin College. Journey through guided tours downtown Grand Rapids and Meijer Gardens by motor coach. Put on your walking shoes and delight in the myriad of venues and eclectic shops throughout this charming city. 1500 works of art of all mediums, including music, poetry, performance art, sculpture, drawing, from the beautiful to the peculiar, await your discovery. Review your day over dinner at three of Grand Rapids’ premier restaurants.

Trip Cost
$480 per person. (Lodging additional)

Where to stay
Stay with friends during your visit or reserve relaxing accommodations at Calvin’s Prince Conference Center. Amenities include a deluxe continental breakfast and use of Calvin’s fitness facility for the discounted cost of $84 per night, plus taxes. Airport shuttle service is available upon request.

Space is limited. To register, visit http://uknight.calvin.edu/artprize or call 616-826-8777

Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning offers this extraordinary adventure to any persons over the age of 50.

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HIGHLY REGARDED

ArtPrize is recognized as the most-attended public art event on the planet according to The Art Newspaper, and was recently highlighted in The New York Times 52 Places to Go in 2016.

Meijer Gardens was nominated for “Best Botanical Garden” by USA Today.

INSPRIATION ALL AROUND THE CITY

Join artists and visitors from all over the world to experience a thoroughly unique event spanning three square miles of downtown Grand Rapids. Large or small, inside or out, visit a city transformed by art in every shape and form. Delight your senses at one of the nation’s premier horticultural display gardens and sculpture parks, Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, including the new stunning Japanese Gardens.

For more about ArtPrize visit www.ArtPrize.com.