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A view of visitors through the work of Lori Salamone-Limbachs, a stained glass artist and vendor at the Tallman Arts Festival.

The 65th Annual Tallman Arts Festival douses summer with color, music

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JANESVILLE — An overcast day didn't stop the public from turning out for the 65th Annual Tallman Arts Festival.

The Rock County Historical Society hosted the festival at 450 N Jackson Street. Large swaths of people attended the festival, though it's hard to determine a specific draw since there is so much to do and see.

Among the dozens of artists present at the festival was Hunter Little, a young artist specializing in abstract

paintings fashioned after his main influence, Salvador Dali. Little has lived in Janesville his whole life, but this is his first year participating in Tallman Arts Festival.

Little sold a few of his works, which he didn't expect. Among the paintings sold was his favorite, but he let it go and had already picked out a new favorite by the time he was approached by the Gazette.

Little first became interested in art in his freshman year of college. He's since grown his portfolio and been featured

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Artists of many different mediums sold crafts at the Tallman Arts Festival Saturday and Sunday, including ceramic artist Les Ritchey of Copper Moon Pottery.

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Summer Cultural Festival will showcase Janesville's diversity

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JANESVILLE — The Diversity Action Team of Rock County and Hedberg Public Library are debuting a Summer Cultural Festival in Janesville this weekend.

The event is Saturday, Aug.

12, from 1-4 p.m., at Library Park between the library, 316 S. Main St., and the Janesville Performing Arts Center.

Admission is free.

René Bue, the library's community engagement manager, said it's an opportunity for the community to come together, share information and learn

about each other.

"Culture can mean different things to different people, and this is a chance to engage with people in the community that you may not even know," Bue said

Bue previously organized over a decade worth of similar events called "Faces of the

World," that showcased Janesville's diverse community. Due to the library's renovation, then COVID-19, they ceased.

Katie Udell, a member of the Diversity Action Team's event planning committee, said this weekend's festival was inspired by Bue's "Faces of the World" event.

"DAT wanted to have a summer event to engage with the broader community and that's why we approached René to partner with us," Udell said.

Udell said it will be a fun family-focused event with lots of learning opportunities and

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