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!

Artpri"ze, 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.

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. “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

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

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