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Jane Biddle, 8, left, and Emma Nord, 6, participate in the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts' Italian street painting exhibition on Hiester Street Thursday afternoon.

S tate College shuts down in the summer. Restaurants shorten their hours and Penn State dorms sit vacant. The hustle and bustle of the academic year fades to a memory.

Until Arts Fest weekend.

Some come for the art, strolling down Pattee Mall and browsing

paintings and glassware.

Some come for the nightlife, packing College Avenue bars and crowding into Beaver Canyon apartments.

Either way, the influx of 100,000 people is impossible to ignore. Each July, each Arts Fest, State College comes alive again.

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