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Arts, Beats & Eats festival set to move to Royal Oak

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It's official: The Arts, Beats & Eats festival that for the last 12 years was in [Pontiac](#) will move in 2010 to Royal Oak.



Promoter Jonathan Witz stands beside a map of downtown Royal Oak streets to be blocked off for the Arts, Beats & Eats festival over the four-day Labor Day weekend in 2010. He made the announcement at Sangria in Royal Oak Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009 during an afternoon press conference. (REGINA H. BOONE/DETROIT FREE PRESS)

At an announcement celebration this afternoon at Sangria restaurant in Royal Oak, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson predicted that the [event](#) would draw 450,000 people next year – exactly double the attendance reported in Pontiac over the four-day Labor Day weekend event this year.

“I’m not here at all to cast any aspersions on Pontiac,” Patterson said. “The people there are really crestfallen” about losing the festival to Royal Oak.

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