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***Mayor Healy to Kick-Off Jersey City's 22nd Annual Artists Studio Tour
A Citywide Weekend of Arts Featuring Hundreds of Artists,
Dozens of Exhibitions, Galleries, Museums, Live Entertainment &
The Golden Door International Film Festival***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy will kick-off the **2012 Jersey City Artists Studio Tour** at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2012** at the TenMarc Building, located on 430 Communipaw Avenue. A free shuttle from Grove Street will be available every 15 minutes, starting from **5:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.**, with return service available until closing.

The **2012 Jersey City Artists Studio Tour** will take place this weekend, **Saturday, October 13th** and **Sunday, October 14th** from **Noon - 6:00 p.m.** This **FREE** self-guided art tour will feature galleries, artist studios and ad hoc exhibition sites citywide.

Presented by **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy**, the **Municipal Council**, and the **Jersey City Dept. of Health & Human Services/Division of Cultural Affairs**, in partnership with **ProArts**, and the **Hudson Reporter** the tour is in its 22nd year, the Annual ***Jersey City Artists Studio Tour*** is a weekend celebration of the East Coast's fastest growing art scene that features hundreds of artists, dozens of exhibitions, galleries, museums, live music and performances, food, drink and parties – all located just five minutes from Manhattan.

The ***Jersey City Artists Studio Tour*** features a diverse selection of styles and artistic disciplines, from avant-garde video and sculpture to traditional oil painting. Tour goers will have the opportunity to meet and talk to the artists themselves, including interaction with the artists in their working environments.

From a diverse art scene, to the eclectic shops and boutiques, indulging in multi-ethnic cuisines at local restaurants along the tour route, or simply enjoying the lively atmosphere strolling from one studio to the next, for visitors and tour goers, *this is a wonderful way to spend the weekend exploring all that Jersey City has to offer.*

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Year after year, the Tour continues to expand with added venues and hundreds of artists participating in the tour attracting thousands of visitors during its two-day run. The **Jersey City Artists Studio Tour** is widely considered New Jersey's premier art and cultural event, and is free and open to the public.

For **Tour Highlights** and more information please **visit the event website** www.jcartistsstudiotour.wix.com/2012.

This year, a major new art venue, hundreds of artists and dozens of studios, big group exhibitions, concerts, and **the Golden Door International Film Festival** bring fresh energy and cutting edge art to the 22nd Annual Jersey City Artists Studio Tour.

Studio Tour visitors can visit **The Golden Door Film Festival**, which opens Thursday, October 11th at the historic **Landmark Loew's Theatre** in Jersey City, and features dozens of short independent films showing at different local venues along Downtown Jersey City throughout the Studio Tour weekend.

Also open for the 2012 Studio Tour is the **Landmark Loews Theatre**, located at 54 Journal Square in Jersey City. It will feature the artwork of students from the Jersey City Public Schools, grades K-12. Images will feature Jersey City and the jazz age. Richard LoRovere will also display sketches of JC Landmarks at the Loews from 12-6pm on Sunday only. For more information please contact Ann Marley, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, at (201) 915-6038, visit <http://goldendoorfilmfestival.org>, or amarley@jcboe.org.

As part of the Tour, **Yelp** is hosting **Artoberfest** at **Mana Contemporary**, located on 888 Newark Ave from **4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** on **Saturday, October 13, 2012**.

The **Closing Party/Tour Crawl**, held on Sunday, October 14, 2012, features specials from these participating restaurants:

L.I.T.M 6pm-7pm – Specials: Fried chickpeas and fried artichoke as samples during 6-7pm. Drink specials which will last till 9pm. Their food special will be \$4 dollar for anything on the snack menu

Barcade 7pm-8pm – Specials: \$1 off drink specials, well beverages, and any sandwich

Port-O Lounge 8pm-9pm - Drink Specials: \$3 - \$5

Made with Love 9pm-10pm – Specials: Cupcake and regular coffee or tea for \$3.95 tax included valued at \$5.95. Free bag of short bread cookies to the first 50 people as they are leaving her store.

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A **Free Wheelchair Accessible Guided Tour** is also available to select wheelchair accessible venues over the tour weekend from Noon - 6:00 p.m. Provided By Hudson County Transcend, all persons wishing to take this guided tour, **must make ADVANCED reservations** by calling 201-736-7057.

Easily accessible, most tour venues are within walking distance of the NY/NJ PATH, the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, or jitney bus services. **Free shuttles to and from major tour sites** are provided by the **Jersey City Department of Recreation** and the **Division of Senior Affairs**. There will be three bus tour routes: 1) **Powerhouse Arts District to the Heights**; 2) **Downtown to Communipaw**; and 3) **Downtown to Greenville**

Bus Route 1: Powerhouse Arts District to the Heights

Starting Point: Grove Street PATH Station
Stop 1: 150 Bay Avenue, Gallery 371
Stop 2: Hamilton Park, Art House Productions/JC Theatre/Golden Door Film Festival
Stop 3: 4th Street and Newark Avenue, 4th Street Festival (Saturday)/Mary Benson Gallery/Casa Columbo
Stop 4: Palisade Avenue at Riverview Fisk Park, Sex, Drugs & Rock n' Roll Show/Distillery Gallery/ Land of the Freeform Art & Music Festival (Saturday)/Jazz Festival (Sunday)
Stop 5: Baldwin Avenue at Newark Avenue Brennan Courthouse
End Point: Grove Street PATH Station

Bus Route 2: Downtown to Communipaw

Starting Point: Grove Street PATH Station
Stop 1: 80 Grand Street, Russian Museum
Stop 2: 184 Grand Street, Victory Arts Project
Stop 3: 430 Communipaw Avenue, Tenmarc Building
Stop 4: 11 Monitor Street, Evening Star Studios
Stop 5: 83 Wayne Street, Barrow Mansion
End Point: Grove Street PATH Station

Bus Route 3: Downtown to Greenville

Starting Point: Grove Street PATH Station
Stop 1: 39 Glenwood, St. Peters University
Stop 2: 2039 Kennedy Blvd, NJCU
Stop 3: 128 Winfield Avenue, Project Greenville
Stop 4: 430 Communipaw Avenue, Tenmarc Building
End: Grove Street PATH Station

The 21st Annual Jersey City Artists Studio Tour is sponsored by: the Tenmarc Building, Bank of America, Yelp, the Jersey City Arts School, the Jersey City Independent, Hudson County, NJ., the Provident Bank, Goldman Sachs, Fantastic The Arts, Newport, Panepinto, Silverman, Barrow Mansion, Mack-Cali, and Skinner's Loft.

For transportation schedules and more information, please call the Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921 or visit us online at jerseycitynj.gov or www.jcartistsstudiotour.wix.com/2012.

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