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## Jersey City's Annual Artists Studio Tour *East Coast's Fastest Growing Art Scene Features Hundreds of Artists, Dozens of Exhibitions, Galleries, Museums, and Live Entertainment*

### A FREE Self-Guided Walking Tour All Weekend

**JERSEY CITY** – 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**, present the **2012 Jersey City Artists Studio Tour**, a FREE self-guided walking tour featuring galleries, artist studios and ad hoc exhibition sites. The tour will take place **from Noon – 6:00 p.m.** throughout the city on the weekend of **Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**.

In its 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Every year, hundreds of artists participate 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.

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.*

Studio Tour visitors can also visit **The Golden Door International Film Festival**, which opens October 11<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Jersey City, and features dozens of short independent films showing at various local venues throughout the Studio Tour weekend.

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Also open for the 2012 Studio Tour is the **Loews Theatre**, located at 227 Coles Street. 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.

The **Jersey City Department of Recreation** and the **Division of Senior Affairs** will be providing three **shuttle service buses with tour guides**, available to select venues. Easily accessible, most tour venues are within walking distance of the NY/NJ PATH, the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, or jitney bus services.

### **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: 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Newark Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jersey City Artists Studio Tour** is presented by the City of Jersey City, Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, the Division of Cultural Affairs, Pro Arts (a non-profit organization,) and the Hudson Reporter. This free weekend event 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.

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 as seats are limited by September 30<sup>th</sup>**. For details and to reserve a space, please call 201-736-7057.

**For transportation schedules and more information, please call the Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921 or visit the event website [www.jcartistsstudiotour.wix.com/2012](http://www.jcartistsstudiotour.wix.com/2012)**

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