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Jersey City Artists Studio Tour Enters 17th Year ***Fastest Growing Arts Scene Features Hundreds of Artists*** ***Dozens of Free Exhibitions, Galleries, Museums, and Live Entertainment***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Division of Cultural Affairs, in conjunction with Pro Arts, will host the 17th Annual Jersey City Artists Studio Tour from 12 to 6 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 6 and Sunday Oct. 7, 2007 at locations throughout the city.

The Annual Artists Studio Tour, widely considered New Jersey’s premier art and cultural event, is free and open to the public. A kick-off party will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5, 2007 at Canco Lofts, 50 Dey Street, one of the anchor sites of the tour.

“This year’s tour is perhaps the best yet, with hundreds of artists and exhibitions located throughout our great city,” Mayor Healy said. “I am pleased to announce that the revitalization of Journal Square has included the arts and this year we have a number of prominent exhibitions located in the heart of our city – Journal Square.”

“Whether you call Jersey City home or you are a visitor here, I encourage you to come explore Jersey City’s arts market, where there is truly something for everyone,” Mayor Healy added.

This free event is accessible by public transportation via the PATH, the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, and NJ Transit bus or train. Tour maps are provided by the tour’s media sponsor, the **Hudson Reporter**, and are available at the Grove Street and Journal Square PATH stations. Additionally, a handicap-accessible shuttle service is provided will transport those tour-goers who need assistance to several of the tour stops.

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This year's tour features hundreds of artists and dozens of exhibitions, including the following highlighted exhibitions:

*** **Hispanic Heritage Month Group Exhibition**, City Hall Rotunda Gallery, 280 Grove St.
Curator: Greg Brickey

Artists include: Alfredo Cardenas, Susana Falconi, Raul Mercado, Miguel Cardenas, Angel Cruz, John DeSoto, Duda Penteadó, Christina Soto, Cheese, Hamlet Manzueta, and Tina Maneca.

Part of the **Hispanic Heritage Month Group Exhibition** at **City Hall** includes the '**Neo-Latino' Art Movement**, a movement led by a group of 21st century Hispanic artists from northern New Jersey who are challenging outmoded 20th century aesthetic-values while questioning the validity of Latin stereotypes. The '**Neo-Latino' Art Movement** recognizes the dynamic cultural changes that are currently affecting the Latino communities of the metropolitan area. The movement is inspired by their African, Amerindian, and European cultural and aesthetic traditions, '**Neo-Latino' artists** are re-examining and re-interpreting Latino transcultural-diversity through their imaginative and visionary images.

The 'Neo-Latino' Art Movement featured artists include: Hugo W. Morales, Jose Rodeiro, Olga Cruz, Sergio Villamizar, Hugo Bastidas, and Raul Villareal.

*** **Tapestry of Nations Art Mural**, City Hall Rotunda Gallery, 280 Grove St.
Curator: Duda Penteadó

Artists include: Hundreds of Jersey City children who created artwork during the annual Mayor's Block Parties held in May in each ward of the city. Working with professional artist Duda Penteadó, the children created their own masterpieces in the medium of their choice. Those paintings were then woven together into a tapestry, much like the diverse fabric of our great city.

*** **Communion, Group Exhibition**, Grace Church Van Vorst, 39 Erie Street
Curators: Chris Fisher, Jason Rodriguez, and Greg Brickey

Artists include: James O'Keefe, Maurizio Zuluaga, Thomas John Carlson, Rachael Serbinski, Andrezj Lech, Erma Yost, Leon Yost, John Donovan, Charles Farless, Kathe Frantz, Maggie Ens, Cheryl Sylvant and Nancy Mahoney.

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*** **'Community' Group Exhibition,** Canco Lofts, 50 Dey Street
Curators: James Pustorino and Greg Brickey

Artists include: more than 50 established and emerging Jersey City artists. Additionally, acclaimed artist **Ron English** will be signing his newly released book featuring artwork of his children done in a "Little Golden Book" motif at **5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007.**

*** **'Nature of Duality,'** Justice William Brennan Court House, 583 Newark Avenue
Curators: France Garrido and Kathryn Klanderman

*** **'Fourth Street Art & Music Festival,'** A full day festival taking place **Saturday, October 6th** on 4th Street at the corner of Newark Avenue. As part of the Jersey City Artists Studio Tour, the Fourth Street Art & Music Festival features artwork (with several open studios nearby), and live musical performances ranging from country & bluegrass to hard-edged rock & roll. There will also be spoken word and poetry readings. **Concerts** will be performed between **noon and 10pm** on the main stage at the corner of 4th street and Newark Avenue. Additionally, this year will feature a fashion show hosted by downtown vintage store ***Another Man's Treasure.***

Corporate sponsors of the Jersey City Artists Studio Tour include: Canco Lofts, The Athena Group, Make Wine With Us, Newport, Mack-Cali, Panepinto Properties, LITM, Goldman Sachs, K. Hovnanian's Metro Living, The Provident Bank Foundation, Palace Drugs, Hamilton Square, Historic Downtown SID, Jersey City Museum, Journal Square Restoration Corporation, Fields Development Group, Beechwood Café, Merrill Lynch, Borinquen Home Improvement, Composition Printing, Gallerie Hudson.

For more information on the Jersey City Artists Studio Tour, contact the **Division of Cultural Affairs** at **201-547-4333.**

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