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## **Entertainment And Activities Schedule Set For St. Charles Spring ArtWalk**

### **Symphony, Poetry Readings, Musical Groups, And Plein Air Demonstrations Round Out Weekend Activities**

**Saint Louis, MO -- April 24, 2006** – The schedule for the St. Charles Spring ArtWalk includes a wide variety of musical groups and activities for art lovers. In addition to being able to see the talents of artists who create everything from glass bead jewelry, Raku pottery, sculptures, watercolor paintings, and metalworks, visitors will be treated to free musical concerts throughout the weekend. The schedule follows with a description of the groups below the schedule:



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## Schedule

### Friday

- 5:00-7:30 p.m. The New Brick Road Band at Remington's, 302 North Main St.
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. The Solo Committee in the colonnade area at 200 North Main St.
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Danny Balsamo, strolling the area
- 7:30 p.m. St. Charles Symphony Concert, Foundry Art Centre

### Saturday

- 1:00 p.m. Poetry readings and performers at Picasso's, 101 North Main St.
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. Danny Balsamo strolling the area
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Arbogast Unplugged in the colonnade area at 200 N. Main Street
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Midlife Crisis strolling the area
- 8:00-11:00 p.m. Black Hole Incident (jazz) at Picasso's; serving beer and wine

### Sunday

- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Plein Air Demonstration, Foundry Art Centre
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. Danny Balsamo strolling the area
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. The New Brick Road Band at Remington's, 302 North Main St.
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Public Reception at the Foundry Art Centre. Music by Arbogast Unplugged and appetizers generously donated by St. Charles Bed & Breakfast Inns.

- Danny Balsamo—solo singer; Sinatra to Zeppelin.
- The New Brick Road Band—three piece; folk and jazz.
- Midlife Crisis— acoustic duo; folk rock and country.
- Arbogast Unplugged—acoustic, five-piece; classic rock and country rock.
- Solo Committee—contemporary, inspirational folk music.

## Plein Air Art Demonstration

The Plein Air artists, who are participating in the week-long Augusta Plein Air Art Event, include:

- Joan Parker, oil landscape artist from Kansas City (formerly from Pasadena, CA, now in Kansas City, MO).
- Ken Martin, acrylic landscape artist from St. Peters (former college professor).
- Crystal Goldkamp, watercolor landscape artist from Defiance.

Weather permitting, the Plein Art demonstration will be held outside in the Foundry parking lot. Otherwise, the demonstrations will be held inside the Foundry. This is an opportunity for visitors to see artists paint in the manner of Van Gogh, Monet, Manet, Cezanne, and many other artists who painted the light in the light.

### **Poetry Readings Celebrate National Poetry Month**

At Picasso's Coffeehouse, 101 North Main Street, poets will be reading their poems beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The poets include:

- David Jackson
- K. Curtis Lyle
- Michael Castro
- Shirley Leflore
- Steve White
- Henry Gamble

Poets were selected based on how they affect their immediate communities and how they continue to create in their environment.

### **Food Venues**

At select ArtWalk buildings, various restaurants will have snack foods available free to the public to sample while enjoying the ArtWalk. Tony's on Main Street, at 132 North Main Street, will be the site for a Martini & Wine Bar. Visitors will be able to purchase specially-priced beverages during the ArtWalk.

## **George Denninger Gallery Grand Opening**

In addition to the musical activities, the George Denninger Gallery at 115 North Main Street is holding its grand opening all weekend long. He will be offering food, drink and entertainment throughout the ArtWalk. The artist specializes in digital art and sculpted furniture and will be showcasing over 30 digital art pieces. Denninger custom designs and paints his frames to suit each piece of art. In addition, his work includes sculpted wood mirrors and pianos. His artfully sculpted pianos have been in the Smithsonian. His daughter, Marette St. John, a performance pianist from California, will be playing one of his pianos during the grand opening.

## **Public Reception**

Food for Sunday's reception at the Foundry Art Centre is being graciously donated by the bed and breakfasts of St. Charles. The music will be provided by Arbogast Unplugged. The reception is an opportunity for the public to celebrate the success of the first ArtWalk, to look at the artwork on display at the Foundry, and to meet with Foundry artists in their studios.

## **Passport To Art**

The Passports that give visitors a chance to win a free piece of artwork will be available at all ArtWalk venues. Visitors simply visit each of the venues, have their Passport stamped, and drop it in any of the designated boxes. Visitors will be able to see the donated art at the Information Room and ArtWalk Headquarters, located at 218 North Main.

## **Art Venues**

All of the buildings on Main Street that are participating in the ArtWalk will be marked with donated flower pots and banners to make it easy for visitors to identify where the artists are located. The flowers, valued at \$300 each, have been generously donated by:

- Buse's Flower and Gift Shop, Inc.
- Parkview Gardens Florist and Greenhouse
- Koenig's Nursery and Greenhouse
- Toekie's Garden

## **Media Check-In**

Visit the Information Room and ArtWalk Headquarters, located at 218 North Main, for press kits, beverages, a place to relax, and more information.

For more information about the ArtWalk, or to contact any of the above-mentioned participants, please contact:

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