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ARTWalk Alive! 2005

ARTWalk Selects Performers for Free September Arts Festival

ROCHESTER, NY - ARTWalk is pleased to formally announce the selected performers and artists for the fifth annual "ARTWalk Alive! festival to be held Sunday, September 18 from noon to 4 pm along the 700 block of University Avenue. These groups and individuals were jury selected from an annual area wide open call for performers.

The "Dances on the Avenue" portion of the program includes dance works performed outdoors along ARTWalk. The selected "Dances on the Avenue" performers are: Pywakkit, Waldman Sisters, Sahara Shimmer, Flux Fusion, Motoniks, Capoeira Mandinga, Rochester Step-off, and Bush Mango Drum & Dance

The "Word on the Street" portion of the program is comprised of individual poets, storytellers, monologists performing any spoken word or dramatic ensemble.

Selected "Word on the Street" performers:

Fran Carlisi Paxon, Sally Bittner Bonn, Annette Ramos, B.A.D.E.A., D.J. Wild Poet (Eddie Swayze) and Reenah Golden and the Golden Teen Slam Team.

"Music on the Block" performers range from Celtic to Rap/Pop to Country to Jazz music and more. Musicians will perform at different locations along ARTWalk Alive!

Selected "Music on the Block" performers:

Innerloop, The Hayseeds, Margaret Explosion, Charm & Kaution, Evan Goodberry, and The Celtic Music Society.

"Artists at Work" will have visual artists showing their creative process along the ARTWalk Trail.

Selected "Artists at Work" Artists:

Jeremy Sniatecki, Artpeace, Margie Slinker and Genesee Pottery, Kathy Malta, Barbara Litterio, Nick Agnello, Matthew Lincoln, Marilynne Lipschutz and Studio 34, Martine LePore and Richard Russell.

Dozens of area arts organizations will also be providing free interactive activities for the entire family. ARTWalk Alive! is a great opportunity to get familiar with many area organizations in a fun free afternoon! Organizations wishing to participate should contact

ARTWalk.

Participating organizations are:

Art Peace, Artisan Church, Code Pink of Rochester, Craft Company No. 6/ Paul Harp, Gallery Salon, Genesee Country Village & Museum, Genesee Pottery, George Eastman House, Image City Photography Gallery, Integrative Healing Arts Center, Labyrinth Quest, Little Theater, Memorial Art Gallery, Moran & Kufta, Peace Action & Education Task Force of Metro Justice, PeaceArt, Peaceworks, Rochester Contemporary (RoCo), Rochester Fire Department, Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Sassafras Flower Shop, Seneca Park Zoo, Third Presbyterian Church, Writers & Books, and others.

Writers & Books will hold a Small Press Fair, 34 Elton Street will have artist open houses

Food will be available from area businesses and Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, Abbott's frozen custard and Snapple with proceeds going to support future ARTWalk programs.

The Grand Finale this year will be the return of the Dancing Street Sweepers featuring the City of Rochester Street Sweeping Trucks and Dancers choreographed by Thomas Warfield. Dancers wishing to participate in this finale should contact ARTWalk.

At 2 pm, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter will officially announce \$1.6 million in federal transportation dollars to extend the ARTWalk trail. Senator Joe Robach, Assemblyman Joe Morelle, Mayor William Johnson, Council President Lois Giess and Arts Council President Sarah Lentini will also be present.

The selected artists responded to an open call for the event sponsored by ARTWalk. The audience walks or dances, led by dancing docents, from stage to stage to enjoy the performances. Anyone interested in being a dancing docent for this event should contact Danielle Fraenkel at 585-473-5050 or email ARTWalk@rochester.rr.com.

Volunteers for the event are also needed. Please contact ARTWalk for more information about volunteering or sponsorship opportunities. Rochester Cares is facilitating volunteers for the day of the event.

ARTWalk is an interactive, living museum in continual progress along University Avenue. ARTWalk runs between the Memorial Art Gallery and George Eastman House. The museum now operates as an independent non-profit museum, which acquires and maintains art works that celebrate the spirit of the community. ARTWalk also holds events and programs to encourage members of the eight-county Rochester area to enjoy and participate in the arts.

For more information, visit www.rochesterARTWalk.org or call 585-234-6670.

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