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**STUDIOPLEX'S ART WALK NOW ON FOURTH FRIDAYS
IN THE OLD FOURTH WARD
KICK-OFF ON SEPTEMBER 25**

Highlights Include Unveiling of Brandon Sadler's Irwin Street Mural and Opening Reception of his new Exhibition "Octopus Tempura"; SCAD'S "The Body as Media" and much more

ATLANTA – September 9, 2009 – Studioplex, the live/work community in Atlanta's historic Old Fourth Ward, announces a new date for its popular Art Walk program: 'Fourth Fridays in the Old Fourth Ward' will replace the 'Second Wednesdays' Art Walk. Visit www.StudioplexLofts.com for more information. The first 'Fourth Fridays' Art Walk will be held on Friday, September 25, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. As always, the monthly Art Walks at Studioplex are free and open to the public.

UNVEILING OF BRANDON SADLER'S IRWIN STREET MURAL PROJECT AT 6 PM.
The artist will welcome guests at the site-specific mural located on the wall at Studioplex - Irwin Street near the corner of Auburn Avenue.

Atlanta artist and SCAD graduate Brandon Sadler has been busy creating a major mural on the wall around Studioplex's property along Irwin Street. The recently completed mural, according to Sadler, "incorporates an Eastern aesthetic with its Koi fish, symbols

of peace and prosperity, and the lotus, which represents enlightenment and divinity. The two symbols are floating through waves of gold. This image represents my own evolution as an artist and person. It represents the potential of the creative community in Atlanta as well as the value of forward thinking. The image will draw viewers in and carry them down the street as if they themselves were carried on the waves.”

In addition to the unveiling of the mural, Sadler will present “*Octopus Tempura*”, a collection of his new works in the Pavilion at Studioplex during the Art Walk. For more information about Sadler and to view his work, visit www.RisingRedLotus.com

“The work for “*Octopus Tempura*” was created over the past two months, said Sadler. “When working on a concise series I typically focus on a symbol or image to bring my concepts together. The octopus became a strong force of inspiration for me recently and I’ve incorporated it heavily in this body of work.”

THE FOLLOWING GALLERIES, ARTISTS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES WILL PRESENT THEIR WORK DURING THE STUDIOPLEX ART WALK ON SEPT. 25:

Opening on this day, Art Department Gallery at Studioplex will present “*Anatomical*”, a solo show by Jeff Lange. “*Anatomical*” is a mixed media expression of the human form. A series of figures compartmentalized into unique spaces of tones and pattern, the figures shown in “*Anatomical*” are reduced to a neutral/minimal state in layers of enamel.

Lange’s approach to his work is unconventional. Lange says, “I like to use an incompatible style and media for discovery and invention. Chaos is the constant with this technique; and I find accidents are more interesting and innovative than a strictly controlled approach.”

For more information, visit www.ArtDepartmentGallery.com. Art Department is located in the Pavilion at Studioplex.

SCAD will present an evening of art at Studioplex to include video and performance in Suite 143. “*The Body as Media*” exhibition will feature graduate and undergraduate work chosen by Professor Larry Anderson. The work includes the human body or features a

body as a political, social, deconstructed element utilizing the artist's blood, family videos, live performances or documentation of a longer term lived process. Artists included are McCalla Hill, Deidra Smith, Jonathan Terranova, Shannon Riddle, Gillian Zagorski, Callie Chinn.

Furthermore, Janke Studios (www.jankestudios.com), Atlanta's premier glassblowing studio, is hosting a guest artist on the glassblowing trailer. In addition, Janke Studio's will have bead makers inside the gallery (Studio G-9) for the first time, so 'Fourth Fridays' visitors can try their hand at making a glass bead at \$5 per bead, a unique keepsake of their Art Walk at Studioplex.

A number of other galleries and lofts will be open during the 'Fourth Fridays' Art Walk at Studioplex, including:

- HollyBeth's Natural Luxury, upstairs in Loft 211 (www.HollyBeth.net), where she hand makes her organic beauty products. In addition, these local businesses will also present their products in HollyBeth's loft: Felted Heart (www.FeltedHeart.com), Princess and Butch (www.PrincessAndButch.com) and Mary Sweeney and Nikita Lynn (www.NikitaLynn.com);
- The Dale family – Phil, Lisa and their 12-year-old daughter Angelique – who will share their collection of paintings and handmade jewelry in their home studio, Loft 132 (www.StudioPhilLisa.com);
- New Moon Skin Care, Loft 125, (www.newmoonskincare.com), owned by Amy Leavell Bransford, a licensed esthetician. Her focus is on organic sustainable beauty including skin care from Dr. Hauschka, Juice Beauty & Farmaesthetics;
- Angie Wehunt revels in improvisation and the exploration of color, frequently embracing reds for brightness (“like a neon sign”), happiness (“like a balloon”) and deliciousness (“like cherries”) they impart;
- Laura Sutton of EDOBA's Chameleon Classic products (www.edobashop.com) (as seen in Daily Candy) will be there with her unique versatile pieces that allow you to easily and affordably change the look of each piece every time you entertain or redecorate;
- Jenn Green will present Drea James Jewelry, one of a kind, handmade jewelry designs (www.dreajames.com). The pieces have sterling silver, copper and gold filled chains and wire with vintage beads, semi-precious stones, Swarovski

- crystals, metal accents and glass beads. Beads and findings are purchased in small batches to keep all pieces unique....special and timeless;
- Arwen Fine of *a. fine shirt* and *afineline* will present her one of a kind apparel, jewelry and accessories (www.finewen.etsy.com);
 - Kimberly Daniels of VerdePaperie (www.VerdePaperie.com) will present her line of Eco-friendly stationery, note cards and wedding invitations featuring eclectic designs from artists throughout the country with an emphasis on creative design and the environment; and
 - Gardner's Table, makers of homemade preserves and jams.

And again this month, dog owners are encouraged to bring their dogs to this month's Art Walk! Local entrepreneur Lauren Janis will be selling her All Natural Dog Biscuits that are made in East Atlanta (www.BigDaddyBiscuits.com).

Art lovers and collectors are invited to enjoy a complimentary glass of wine, discover exciting new artists in the heart of Atlanta and listen to a DJ spin his favorite tunes.

About Studioplex

Studioplex, located at 659 Auburn Avenue in Atlanta's historic Old Fourth Ward, features 130 live/work lofts as well as 9,100 sq. ft. retail space in the Pavilion at Studioplex. Sales Center hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10-5; and Sunday: 1-5. Email: info@studioplexlofts.com. Studioplex is developed by three partners: The Historic District Development Corporation (HDDC); Columbia Residential and Orinda Corporation.

Studioplex website: www.studioplexlofts.com

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