

Lawrenceville Art All Night 2009

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Creativity still abundant and renewable: lean times won't stop a free feast of fresh art

PITTSBURGH, PA – Lawrenceville Art All Night—a beloved annual celebration of arts, community and creativity—will accompany spring in Pittsburgh for the 12th straight year. This year's all night art marathon takes place on **Saturday, April 25, starting at 6pm, and concluding on Sunday, April 26 at 2 pm.**

Art All Night has become one of Pittsburgh's most popular arts events in the 11 years since it was first presented by residents and supporters of Pittsburgh's vibrant Lawrenceville neighborhood. Even as its profile has risen, Art All Night remains a homegrown event, organized by an all-volunteer planning committee and supported by hundreds of additional volunteers who help to prepare the venue, hang artwork and more. Last year's event attracted almost 10,000 attendees and featured work by 810 artists and performers.

In the current economic climate, Lawrenceville Art All Night can claim an especially attractive feature: it is **FREE** to attend and **FREE** to participating artists. Integral to Art All Night is its democratic premise—works by professional artists hang alongside art works created by students, kids, maybe even your own grandma. The show offers artists of any level of skill or experience the opportunity to showcase *one* piece of artwork in the exhibit: no fees, no jury, no censorship.

Art All Night takes shape in a different location each year, and the venue is one of many variable ingredients that combine to create a unique, never-repeated experience. Thanks to the Olander Family

and Real Estate Enterprises, **Art All Night 2009 will take place at 3510 Smallman Street, in the brand-new red warehouse at 35th and Smallman.** In addition to art, the event will feature live music, performances, and interactive art activities for both children and adults.

WYEP-FM is again the media sponsor for Art All Night and will broadcast live from the event on Saturday. Additional support comes from the Lawrenceville Corporation, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, many local businesses, and attendees donations.

Pete Popivchak is the planning committee leader for Art All Night 2009, a rotating role that demands vision, humor, and the capacity to live with the unknown. “In some respects we are welcoming an emerging generation with our 12th Art All Night,” Pete says. “We're being graciously hosted in a new building, and guided by a leadership team comprised of mostly new faces and fresh ideas. In other respects, the fundamental core of this surreal, mystical, 24-hour experience remains tried and true. Remember, one night and one night only!”

Featured demonstrations, performances and interactive activities will include a live “painting marathon” by the Rev. Daisher Rocket, who will spend the entire duration of the event creating large-scale paintings on doors donated by Construction Junction. Kids will have the opportunity to use a button-making machine to make a unique button from salvaged materials. Activities that utilize Art All Night's own non-recyclable inventory—beer cups and other items from past years—are also in the works.

Art All Night's organizers made a commitment to “green” the event last year, and efforts to reduce its carbon footprint will continue and intensify in 2009. Organizers will continue their commitment to hosting a bike-friendly event. The Port Authority and other groups yet to be determined will contribute services and/or collaborate with organizers to reduce waste, save energy and promote environmental sustainability.

Artist registration instructions are available at www.artallnight.org. Artists submitting work must show a photo ID during both registration and pickup. All artwork must arrive ready to hang or otherwise be displayed and cannot leave a mark on the building. On-site registration is on Saturday, April 25, from 12 pm to 4 pm, and art pickup is Sunday, April 26, from 2:30 pm to 4 pm.

