

JUNE 4 – 5, ARTISTS & BUSINESSES OPEN DOORS ALONG ATLANTIC AVENUE TO SHOWCASE CREATIVE COMMUNITY

2ND ANNUAL ARTWALK05 FEATURES PUBLIC MURAL PAINTING, STUDIO TOURS, OPEN EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

May 12, 2005: The second annual **Atlantic Avenue ArtWalk 2005 (ArtWalk05)** will be held the weekend of June 4 – 5, 2005, 1 – 6 pm both days. The event is a self-guided tour of open artist studios and area exhibitions, a range of public art projects, youth programming and extensive local merchant participation. In the tradition of urban beautification through community murals, **ArtWalk05 will also feature three site-specific mural projects along Atlantic Avenue.** Two such murals will be hand-painted by over 20 renowned muralists in a unique collaboration, the third will be made by art students from the local P.S.8, P.S. 38, and P.S.261 working in partnership with Mike Houston and Martin Mazorra, both founding members of the international artist collective Barnstormers.

The over 85 emerging and established artists in ArtWalk05 work with a diversity of media including painting, sculpture, watercolor, photography, digital media, textiles, video and more. A sampling of participating artists includes Katrina Ball, Sophie Crumb, Sarah Emerson, Donato Giancola, Karen Ingram, Dean Landry, Jerome Lagarrigue, Nina Levy, Rene Lynch, Randall Mastel, Ashley O’Neal, Mac Premo, Alex Racine, UPSO, PK Williams, and Kiku Yamaguchi.

ArtWalk05 was designed to build awareness of the depth of historic Atlantic Avenue’s cultural corridor by revealing its vibrancy and diversity, and develop a greater sense of community. The tour, which spans 4th Avenue to Hicks Street, affords visitors and locals alike the opportunity to meet their neighbors in the creative community, often pent up in mystique behind closed doors, when over 40 artists and workshops around Atlantic Avenue open their doors to the public. Additionally, 40 area organizations and businesses will host local artists’ work and receptions, and many restaurants and bars will offer special rates to ArtWalkers throughout the weekend.

A **public mural program**, developed for vacant spaces and construction sites will take place on three sites: at the corner of Smith Street & Atlantic Avenue; a historic synagogue undergoing renovation at 368 Atlantic Avenue, and 457-459 Atlantic Avenue (at Nevins Street). Participating muralists include Che Jen, David Ellis, Doze Green, Kenji Hirata, JK5, Skott Johnson, Chris Mendoza, Mike Ming, Pablo Powers, Rostarr, Yuri Shimojo, and more.

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