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## **Artists for Fourth Annual James Street Night of Art Announced**

St. Catharines, Ontario, September 29, 2009 – The St. Catharines & Area Arts Council is pleased to announce the line-up of artists for the fourth annual *James Street Night of Art*, which will take place **Friday, October 16, 2009** between **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Some of the featured visual and media artists include: **Janny Fraser, Beth Gibson, Bev Hogue, Marinko Jareb, Jean Parent and Stephen Remus.\*** Some of the featured performing artists include: **Essential Collective Theatre, Niagara Dance Company, Gould String Quartet, Frank Proctor, Soli Deo Gloria Ballet, Aough-Ghaan and The Kempenfelts.\***

These artists will be exhibiting and performing their work in James Street stores, cafés and restaurants including: **BBBlooms, The Boot Shop, Candle Harmony, Chocolates etc., Coffee Culture, Fine Grind Café, Fight Fit, Harmony on James, Jewellery Design by Catherine, Lousje & Bean Design Studio, Mad Cap Hats, The Office Tap & Grill, Sandercott & Evans Opticians, Stella's, The Watering Can Flower Market and Williams Jewellers.\***

A wide variety of art will appeal to the art-lover and the simply curious, and to young and old alike. Some of the highlights of this year's event include:

- Dance central at Stella's with Niagara Dance Company and Soli Deo Gloria Ballet
- Stephen Remus's firefly-inspired film loop, screened in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows hall
- The most music you've ever heard in a florists' shop with Gould String Quartet and Aough-Ghaan
- For grown-ups, readings from Sky Gilbert's *CRACK* with Essential Collective Theatre at The Office and Michael Donaghue's *Just Like Old Times* at Lousje & Bean

Families will particularly enjoy:

- A reading by author and one-time St. Catharines radio announcer Frank Proctor of his book *The Day the Welland Canal Monster Met Santa*, in a boxing ring
- Express yourself with virtual graffiti with Marinko Jareb
- A reading by young adult writer Rachel Starr Thomson from her book *Blazing Light*

To prolong the art-party, the Arts Council is teaming up with Rodman Hall Art Centre this year. After *James Street Night of Art* wraps up at 9 pm, anyone with a JSNA event flyer will receive free admission to Rodman Hall's [VERVE](#) after-party. Enjoy fabulous art, music and signature cocktails at VERVE.

Other arts events happening in downtown St. Catharines during *James Street Night of Art* include:

- The opening of the Niagara Artists Centre's *Wine King Float* and *Dominion*, an exhibition of NAC's Seth-designed Niagara Wine Festival parade float and other work by the artist. NAC is located at 354 St. Paul Street
- *Luck of the Draw #2* at the CRAM Gallery at 24 James Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. This sale of small format scratch-to-see prints by local artists, curated by Stephen Remus, is a fundraising event for the artists of the Cultural Factory "Luis Diaz Oduardo" in Santiago de Cuba.
- An exhibition of work by the St. Catharines Art Association at the St. Catharines & Area Arts Council at 31 James Street.

The public is also invited to meet artist Bill Ralph at the Opening of his exhibition *Through the Lens of Mathematics*, at A Mano Libera Gallery, 150 Ontario Street, St. Catharines from 3 – 5 pm on Saturday, October 17.

*James Street Night of Art* is a free community event presented by the St. Catharines & Area Arts Council that showcases Niagara's artists. James Street between St. Paul and King is closed for this all-ages art party. *James Street Night of Art* is an art in public places program of the St. Catharines & Area Arts Council.

For more information about *James Street Night of Art* or to join JSNA on Facebook, visit:

<http://www.stcartscouncil.ca/pages/jsna>

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