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**St. Catharines and Area Arts Council releases Call for Entries for  
2009 James Street Night of Art**

St. Catharines, Ontario, July 28, 2009 – The St. Catharines and Area Arts Council is pleased to release a Call for Entries for the fourth annual *James Street Night of Art*, which will take place on **Friday, October 16, 2009** from 6 – 9 pm.

*James Street Night of Art* is a free community event presented by the St. Catharines and Area Arts Council that showcases Niagara's artists. Site-specific visual and media arts work, music, theatre, and dance performances, and literary readings are presented in James Street-area businesses, at the Arts Council at 31 James, and on the street. James Street between St. Paul and King is closed for this all-ages art party. The 2008 event brought about 1000 people to downtown St. Catharines to experience art in a family-friendly environment.

Proposals from artists should be developed to engage audiences in exhilarating and innovative ways. Proposals may take into consideration site specifics – possible sites include storefront windows, and inside participating businesses. The street itself may also be available. Additionally, the Arts Council's storefront at 31 James will be a mini-stage to showcase artists (in rotation) throughout the evening. Ease of portability is encouraged.

The competition is open to all artists living and/or working in the Niagara Region.

The full Call for Entries is available on the Arts Council's website at [www.stcartsCouncil.ca](http://www.stcartsCouncil.ca).

*James Street Night of Art* is an art in public places program of the St. Catharines and Area Arts Council, supported by the St. Catharines business community.

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