



Community Addiction Services
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**St. Catharines & Area Arts Council and Community Addiction Services of Niagara
Announce *James Street Night of Art* Partnership**

St. Catharines, Ontario, October 5, 2010 – The St. Catharines & Area Arts Council and Community Addiction Services of Niagara are pleased to announce a collaborative project for the fifth annual *James Street Night of Art*, which will take place **Friday, October 15, 2010** between **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Among the over thirty artists that will be exhibiting or performing at the event are **Dave Parker** and **Ashley MacLellan**. Dave is a client of CAS-N who incorporates his artistic practice of natural photography into his recovery process. Ashley MacLellan is an addictions counselor of CAS-N whose artistic practice includes recycled multi-media in boundary-pushing messages. Both artists will be exhibiting in the lobby of 60 James, the building in which CAS-N has its facility.

Arts Council Executive Director Patti Broughton says of the partnership: “I was thrilled that Community Addiction Services was interested in collaborating on *James Street Night of Art*. It’s interesting to explore the relationship between art and recovery – the healing potential of art – through this project. We look forward to seeing the project grow.”

CAS-N Executive Director Kathie Scott notes: “Collaborating with our neighbours in the *James Street Night of Art* is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of addiction services in community and the many paths to recovery.”

Community Addiction Services of Niagara provides community based services for people of all ages and their families throughout Niagara concerned about alcohol, drugs and gambling. Their confidential programs are funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. More information about CAS-N can be found at www.cas-n.ca

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. When the lights turn off on *James Street Night of Art* around 9 pm, the art party continues at Rodman Hall’s VERVE. Free admission for all JSNA artists, volunteers and attendees. *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>

James Street Night of Art is supported by the **Ontario Arts Council** and sponsored by **Astral Media, Niagara This Week**, the **St. Catharines Downtown Association** and the Downtown St. Catharines business community.



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