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For Immediate Release:

Artspace presents the 16th edition of its annual City-Wide Open Studios festival, October 4–27.



Connecticut's leading forum for visual artists returns to New Haven every October. City-Wide Open Studios invites the public to embrace the arts—and to learn more about the creative processes of visual artists—by visiting hundreds of artists in studio and temporary spaces across New Haven. Nearly 300 artists will take part in the festival over the course of three consecutive weekends. In all, more than 60 workspaces will be open. The grand Opening Night Party, free and open to the public, will take place at Artspace on Friday, October 4th, from 5:00–8:00 PM, followed by late night festivities and the LAMP (Light Artists Making Places) festival throughout the Ninth Square. The theme of this year's event is "Reveille," calling to mind a joyful rising up and drawing connections to this year's Alternative Space—the Goffe Street Armory—which used to be home to the Governor's Foot Guard and Band.

The first weekend (October 12/13, 12:00–5:00 PM) will feature artists and demonstrations at the Erector Square studio complex (315 Peck Street, New Haven). Erector Square is New Haven's largest concentration of studios, in a series of buildings that once housed the Erector Set factory; today over 100 artists maintain studios there. Visitors can explore the many studios at their own leisure or with a guided tour. A special preview event, featuring curator-led studio visits, will take place on the evening of Friday, October 11th. Studio Maps will be available at the entrance. The visit is free; a \$5 donation is suggested.

During the second weekend (October 19/20, 12:00–5:00 PM), attendees may visit the private studios of artists throughout New Haven, West Haven, North Haven, and Hamden. This "Passport Weekend" allows visitors to see the spaces in which artists work across the Greater New Haven area. Maps, signage, and guided/bike tours will be provided. A series of preview tours, featuring prominent curators and arts professionals, will visit selected studios on the evening of October 17th.

The third weekend (October 26/27, 12:00–5:00 PM) will feature the Alternative Space at the Goffe Street Armory (290 Goffe Street, New Haven). With an area of 155,000 square feet, the Goffe Street Armory presents a unique, colonial backdrop for visual artists to showcase their ideas and for visitors to enjoy art installations, performances, and temporary studios. Admission is free; a \$5 donation is suggested.

Throughout the festival, viewers are invited to visit the central Festival Exhibition at Artspace, which will feature a representative work by each participant, along with maps and information about CWOS. The Official Map & Guide of the event and a website with studio information will be available at the opening. Details for all of the events can be found at www.cwos.org

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About Artspace

Artspace is New Haven's largest independent contemporary arts venue, presenting a rotating array of group and solo exhibitions in all media. Artspace has a threefold mission: to catalyze artistic activities and spaces; to connect contemporary artists, audiences, and resources; and to enrich the personal art experience. Since 2002, Artspace has operated at The Chamberlain Building, a 5,000 square foot storefront in the historic Ninth Square district of New Haven, in what was once a Civil War-era furniture factory. During CWOS, Artspace is free and open to the public on Wednesday/Thursday from 12:00–6:00 PM and Friday/Saturday from 12:00–8:00 PM. The Lot, Artspace's outdoor exhibition area located at 812 Chapel Street, is open 24/7. Artspace is located in the heart of the historic Ninth Square entertainment district, three blocks from the City's central Green, a twelve minute walk from the Metro North/Amtrak station, and a ten minute walk from the Yale campus.

Special Events

Artspace Mini-Golf 2013

August 30th – November 8th

An artist-designed nine-hole mini-golf course that runs concurrently with Artspace's 16th annual City-Wide Open Studios will be featured on the corner of Orange and Chapel Streets. The mini-golf course will present a dynamic and endlessly imaginative installation within our community. Clubs and balls will be available for sign out at the gallery. The course will feature installations by Make Haven; Matthew J. Feiner; Ian Applegate; Silas Finch; Rocko Gallipoli; Dana Scinto; Willie Hoffman; Heather Bizon; and Linda Lindroth and Craig Newick with Jeff Carter.

Curator-Led Studio Visits

Erector Square (October 11th) and Private Studios (October 17th)

Artspace will host two preview evenings—each of which will feature a cocktail party followed by curator-led studio tours—as part of this year's City-Wide Open Studios. Guests will have their choice of curators, who will bring them to three or four hand-selected artist studios for discussion and close looking.

On Friday, October 11th tour participants and curators will attend a cocktail party at 7:00 PM at the Giampietro Gallery. Guests will be led on 1.5-hour private tours of selected Erector

Square studios, followed by dessert and coffee with the artists and curators at the Giampietro Gallery.

For the private studio tours, guests will gather on Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 PM for a cocktail party at Artspace Gallery. Curators will lead tours at 7:30 PM to three different areas of New Haven; the first will be studios within walking distance, the second will include studios at Gilbert Street and West Cove, and the third will focus on studios in Hamden and Westville. All participants—including artists, curators, and tour groups—will gather at Artspace Gallery for dessert and discussion following the tours.

Tickets will be sold for \$75. For further information, please contact Caleb Hendrickson at caleb@artspacenh.org .