



STUTZ ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

Stutz artists open studios and welcome visitors on Aug. 7 *Open studios precede "Power over Poverty" opening and silent auction*

INDIANAPOLIS (July 22, 2009) – Artists who participate in the annual Stutz Artists Open House typically stand in pristine studios and show off their work. But on Friday, Aug. 7, visitors are invited to see what the artists' studios look like the other 363 days of the year.

Approximately 20 artists will open their studios to guests the first Friday in August from noon to 5 p.m., and many will demonstrate their art or have hands-on activities. Beginning Aug. 7, Stutz artists plan to host open studios in the afternoon on the first Friday of the month in conjunction with the Indianapolis Downtown Artists & Dealers Association's (IDADA) monthly First Friday gallery tour.

"Lots of people have seen our studios when they're all cleaned up for the Open House, but this is a chance to see what they look like every day, when we're working and making art," said Carol L. Myers, one of the participating artists.

"Families looking for things to do with kids as the summer winds down should enjoy this," added Myers.

Artists will be demonstrating printmaking, finger painting and eraser carving, and there will be opportunities for kids and adults to try their hand at art too. The event is free, but visitors are encouraged to bring a canned food donation for Gleaners Food Bank.

Artists Derek Powell and Kevin Smola will open their exhibition, "Power over Poverty," at Stutz Art Space, the gallery on the first floor of the building, with an opening reception and silent auction from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. One hundred percent of the silent auction proceeds will benefit Gleaners Food Bank. The exhibition continues through Aug. 28.

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