

## **Stutz Artists Association to host 16<sup>th</sup> annual Stutz Artists Open House April 24 and 25**

The Stutz Artists Association will host its 16<sup>th</sup> annual open house April 24 and 25, 2009. During this unique two-day event, visitors have a chance to see work by more than 70 local artists in one place, while they also explore where and how the work is created.

In addition to being a great opportunity to buy one-of-a-kind gifts — art prices range from \$12 to \$10,000 — the event offers a rare look at the vintage cars on display in the historic Stutz car factory. Visitors also can sample acoustic music, nibble on gallery snacks and purchase foods from select local restaurants.

Admission is \$12. Proceeds support the Stutz Residency Program, a scholarship that provides free studio space and utilities for emerging local artists. It is one of the largest grants to individual artists in the state.

The myriad artists who make up the Stutz Artists Association all share the common love of art but widely diverge from there. Some have advanced degrees in art, and others advance their art in degrees. They are photographers, painters, sculptors, silversmiths and illustrators. They are a variety of ages, ethnicities and backgrounds. And many of the Stutz artists have won national awards or have artwork in permanent collections at museums, schools and hospitals.

The Stutz Artists Association is the largest association of working artists in Indiana. It exists to encourage its member artists and to promote their work. In addition to the Open House, the association hosts monthly First Friday exhibitions and offers a range of classes.

On the outside, the yellow brick buildings that comprise the sprawling complex have changed little since the Stutz motor car was made here. Located on an entire city block in downtown Indianapolis, the 400,000-square-foot former car factory has been renovated into studios and offices. Today the Stutz Business Center is the creative working home of many professionals such as artists, designers, architects, filmmakers and more.

WHAT: Stutz Artists Open House

WHEN: Friday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Stutz Business Center, 1060 N. Capitol Ave. (Free parking available in specially marked lots and along Capitol and Senate avenues and 11<sup>th</sup> Street), Indianapolis

COST: \$12 admission

INFO: [www.stutzartists.com](http://www.stutzartists.com), 317-503-6420

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