



## STUTZ ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

### **On Location: Exhibit features work painted outside**

#### *Plein Air Paintings at Stutz Art Space*

INDIANAPOLIS (May 13, 2010) – Artwork painted outdoors on location can be fresher and more spontaneous than studio paintings. The June exhibition at Stutz Art Space will feature plein air paintings by nine local artists.

The exhibition will include statements by each artist about his or her experiences painting outdoors, and the influence it has made on their studio work.

The featured artists include Beth Forst, Randall Scott Harden, Karen Masbaum, Susan Mauck, Katherine Meade, Susie Rachles, Rodney Reveal, Rita Spalding and Jerry Points. Points is the exhibition curator.

The exhibition opens June 4 at noon at Stutz Art Space, coinciding with First Friday Open Studios at the Stutz. Approximately 25 artists open their studios to visitors from noon to 5 p.m. the first Friday of the month.

**WHAT:** *Plein Air Painting* exhibition and First Friday Open Studios

**WHEN:** First Friday Open Studios, June 4, noon to 5 p.m.  
Exhibit opening reception, June 4, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.;  
Gallery open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. from June 9 to June 30,  
and by appointment

**WHERE:** Stutz Art Space, 212 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis  
Please enter from Capitol Avenue or 10<sup>th</sup> street via Bearcat Alley.

**COST:** Admission is free

**INFO:** [www.stutzartists.com](http://www.stutzartists.com) or 317.503.6420

#### **ABOUT PLEIN AIR PAINTING**

En plein air is a French expression that means "in the open air" and describes painting outdoors.

Artists have long painted in nature, but in the mid-19th century working in natural light became particularly important in the development of Impressionism. With the introduction and transportability of paints in tube, the popularity of painting en plein air increased in the 1870s.

In the United States, the number of artists painting en plein air is increasing every year. In Indiana approximately 200 artists are members of the Indiana Plein Air Painters Association.

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