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August 12 - September 4, 2009

"My Space on 7th" featuring 90 local artists

Opening Reception: Friday, August 14, 6 - 8:30pm

This is the third year for *My Space on 7th*. It's a unique, non-juried opportunity for local artists to exhibit at Touchstone Gallery. In a short time, *My Space on 7th* has become a gallery tradition. Due to proposed renovations for the 406 7th St building, this might be the last *My Space on 7th*.

The upcoming August exhibition, like the three before it, drew an immediate response. Most available spaces were chosen within hours after registration opened. *My Space on 7th* is designed to tap into two significant community needs: 1) to give local, often emerging, artists the rare opportunity to exhibit at a very low investment; and 2) to offer collectors the equally rare opportunity to view new and often reasonably priced work.

In these uncertain times, it is more important than ever to have a thriving local arts scene. Support your local artists and join us at *My Space on 7th* from August 12 through September 4, 2009.

Touchstone Gallery has been an artist-owned gallery for more than 30 years. The gallery moved in 1996 to its current spacious location at 7th and D Street, N.W., in downtown Washington. This 3000-plus square-foot location is based in the center of the art scene, and is a short walk from the recently renovated and reopened National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, and The National Gallery of Art.

Artists participating: Sangeeta Agrawal, Nataliya Andreyeva, Neyla Arnas, Keith Arnold, Olu Babalola, Crystal Banks, David Barr, Mark Behme, Pat Bennett, Gary Bergel, Olga Berman, Carl Bettenhausen, Harmon Biddle, Wendy Bridges, Marsha Brown, Kirstin L Bruner, Alza Burd, Pierre Cartier, Adam Chamy, Zhee Chatmon, Anne Cherubim, Rob Chester, Mark S. Chevalier, James Coates, Ceci Cole McInturff, Michele Cormier, Charlie Dale, Anthony Dortch, Matt Dunn, Derran Eaddy, Linda Elliff, Michelle Fatovic, Alex Feshenko, Isabelle Frappier Spicer, Kim Frieze, Kent Gay, Eric M. Ginsburg, Marcia Green, JoAnne Growney, Jackie Hoysted, Sandra Humphrey, Carin A. Jackson, Jessica Jastrzebski, jodi, Linda Keller, David Korte, David A. Kosar, Radha Krishnakumar, Mary D. Lambert, Paula Lantz, Emery J. Lewis, Mary Mallia, Frank M. Mancino, Amy Marshall, JoAnn McInnis, Ivan Mendizabal, Mark Mennie, Anita Merina, David Mills, Del Moran, Kiran Mukunda, Carlos Munoz, Natalie Oguara, Mary D. Ott, Samuel Pastore, Wendy Plotkin-Mates, Keith Ramsey, Juvale Regala, Marina Reiter, Neil Rogers, Pam Rogers, Julia Rosenbaum, Deborah Saks, Zakhar Sasim, Peter Schechter, Charles A. Sessoms, Amelia Shachoy, Paul Sharratt, Janathel Shaw, Raju Singh, John Sislin, Destry Sparks, Aaron Spindler, Ulrich Stein, Elena Tchernomazova, Dana Thompson, Sally ShangMing Tsou, Caroline Urbania, Susan Van Pool and Monica Wise.

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