

# WESTSIDE ARTS DISTRICT

**DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2009**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**UNTIL: FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

**SUBJECT: WESTSIDE ARTS DISTRICT (WAD) ART WALK**

ATLANTA – Saturday, February 28, 2009, The Westside Arts District (WAD) will kick-off the first ever WAD Art Walk from 11am to 5pm.

The family-friendly event is to draw attention to the rapidly growing art district emerging in Atlanta's Westside neighborhood along Howell Mill Road and Marietta Street from 11th Street to Means Street. The public is encouraged to walk the approximately 1 square mile route between member locations to view the exhibitions and in many cases attend a free lecture or tour given by the art space. Maps and exhibition information will be available at each location the day of the event.

Currently, WAD is comprised of 8 members including the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Bobbe Gillis Gallery, Emily Amy Gallery, Get This! Gallery, Kiang Gallery, SALTWORKS, Sandler Hudson Gallery and Octane Coffee Bar.

Events are FREE and open to the public, unless other wise noted. The Schedule of Events for Saturday, Feb 28 will be as follows:

**11AM**

**ATLANTA CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER**

**535 Means Street, NW**

Artist Survival Skills Series Talk -

The Geometry of Hope: Utopian Abstraction in Latin America 1930-1970.

*Curator Gabriel Pérez-Barreiro, Director of the Colección Patricia Phelps de Cisneros, New York and Caracas, explores the different ways in which abstract artists from South America expressed ideas of Utopia and social transformation. General admission, \$5; Students/Seniors, \$3; Children under 12 and Members, Free.*

**11AM – 4PM**

**BOBBE GILLIS GALLERY**

**1000 Marietta Street, Suite 108**

Featuring 30 locally and regionally recognized artists and fine framing.

*The gallery will be open for viewing.*

**1PM**

**EMILY AMY GALLERY**

**1000 Marietta Street, Suite 208**

Clayton Santiago's Self-Guided tour through his recently opened exhibition, "Summoning Light" *Local artist, Clayton Santiago, explores spirituality in art with his mysterious and luminous paintings. Working in a mixed media consisting of tar, oils, gold leaf, and epoxy, Santiago creates works that capture some of Nature's most striking elements. Please join us as Santiago takes us on a self-guided tour through his new show at Emily Amy Gallery.*

**12PM – 5PM**

**SANDLER HUDSON GALLERY**

**1009-A Marietta Street, NW**

Greely Myatt: Sometimes I Settle For A Chuckle – Installation and paintings. Pat Cournett:

Judith's Gift – Text based photographs.

*The gallery will be open for viewing.*

**12PM - 5PM**

**KIANG GALLERY**

**1011-A Marietta Street, NW**

Gloria Ortiz-Hernandez: New Drawings and Sculpture

*The gallery will be open for viewing.*

**2PM**

**SALTWORKS**

**664 11th St NW**

Highlights from the Cumanana exhibition

*Brian Holcombe, Founder and Director of SALTWORKS, leads a tour of selections from the gallery's current group exhibition Cumanana, organized by artist William Cordova. Works by artists Glexis Novoa, Ernesto Oroza and Mary Valverde will be highlighted. Cumanana is a Peruvian word that alludes to concepts of ritual and tradition. The works discussed address these concepts as well as issues of transformation of space and the referencing of the past and present through imagery and material.*

**3PM**

**GET THIS! GALLERY**

**662 11th St. NW**

Drew Conrad will discuss his recent exhibition currently on view at Get This! Gallery

*Artist Drew Conrad will be present to discuss his current exhibition at Get This! Gallery,*

*"Cowboys, Lovers, Losers & Nobodies." The show explores the complex ideology of the mystified 'American male'. Please join us for a casual discussion with the artist and to view the recent exhibition.*

**8AM – 1PM**

**OCTANE COFFEE BAR**

**1009-B Marietta Street NW**

*Open for coffee and discussions.*

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