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Open Studio weekend in emerging Brooklyn arts district

2nd Annual New York Art Residency and Studios (NARS) Foundation Open Studio Event

Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31, 2009

BROOKLYN, NY— On May 30-31, more than 40 artists in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, will open their studios to the public for the 2nd Annual NARS Foundation Open Studio event, offering visitors a unique opportunity to meet and view work by Brooklyn-based visual artists in a new and rapidly evolving artistic community. “An open studio is a very different experience than seeing work in a gallery,” says NARS Founding Director Junho Lee. “You can talk to the artists and learn about their work in the context of their working process. Every room has its own personality.”

The studios are located at 253 36th Street and 88 35th Street in a cluster of 19th-century industrial buildings near the East River waterfront. Studios will be open for self-guided tours from 11 AM to 6 PM on both Saturday and Sunday. A reception will be held on Saturday night from 6-9 PM featuring jazz and electronica spun by DJs Michael Paul Britto and Jay Reid.

Maps for the artists’ studios will be available at building entrances during the weekend of the event. Maps, directions, and additional information are also available online at www.narsfoundation.org/events.htm.

NARS Foundation studio buildings are conveniently located one block from an express subway stop. To create synergy, the NARS Foundation Open Studio weekend was scheduled to take place simultaneously with an open studio event organized by the nearby Industry City Art Project.

Founded in 2006, NARS Foundation Inc. is dedicated to providing residencies and studio space to artists as a means of inspiring cultural exchange, professional development, and community engagement.