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Annual Gowanus Artists Studio Tour (AGAST) Saturday and Sunday, October 20 - 21, 2007 1-6 PM

BROOKLYN, NY — June 15, 2007 — On Saturday and Sunday October 20-21, 2007, the artists of Gowanus, Brooklyn will open their studios free to the public from 1-6 PM. Now in its eleventh year, this self-guided walking tour features over 140 artists in 28 different locations bounded by Fifth Avenue, 10th Street, Court Street, and Baltic Street. Some locations are large factory buildings with more than 30 artists participating, and others are smaller industrial buildings with one or two artists' studios. Thousands of visitors come from all over New York City and beyond to see where art is being made in Brooklyn, and to meet the people who are creating it.

Gowanus, Brooklyn and Its Artists - The Gowanus Canal in Brooklyn, New York is a manufacturing district of industrial-age brick buildings, steel bridges, and warehouses. In this industrial environment surrounding the Canal flourish scores of creative enterprises: artists, artisans, designers, galleries, filmmakers, musicians. Gowanus is an engine of the creative life of the city and the October Studio Tour allows visitors a look at its inner workings. Visual artists of every kind are represented in the Tour. On the Tour weekend, visitors strolling the neighborhood will catch a glimpse of New York City's industrial past, along with a look at the most up-to-date painting, sculpture, drawings, prints, collage, installation art, photography, video, glassworks, ceramics, fiber and wearable art, and more. The artists are present in their studios ready to chat with visitors, answer questions and provide insight into their work and the process of making it. The tour provides a friendly environment in which to learn about art and artists at the source.

Visiting the Tour - The website www.AGASTBrooklyn.com provides complete visitor information including directions to the neighborhood by car and public transportation. There is an online gallery with images of each artist's work, their websites and contact information. On the tour, visitors will be guided by a color-coded map to make navigating the neighborhood easy. All participating studios are pinpointed on the map, and all artists are listed individually. The map will also provide suggestions for the many shopping, dining, and entertainment opportunities in the neighborhood. Maps will be available at all participating studio locations, and can also be downloaded from the website.

The Annual Gowanus Artists Studio Tour is a New York State nonprofit organization and a sponsored project of the Brooklyn Arts Council.

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