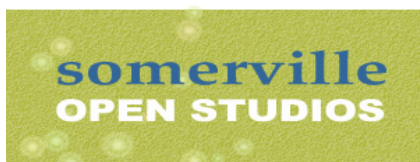


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Somerville Open Studios

*the largest open studios in New England and the second
largest in the U.S. with over 300 artists exhibiting
in a citywide studio arts event*

MAY 2 & 3



Over 300 artists will be showing at more than 100 locations throughout the city at this uniquely pedestrian-friendly event. During this free citywide showcase for the arts, mid-career and emerging artists working across a broad spectrum of fine art styles and craft media – including painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, glass, fiber, jewelry, furniture and ceramics – will exhibit and sell their work to the public. Continuing what has become both an enjoyable community-building event for artists and an increasingly popular means of previewing work for art enthusiasts, we have again accepted The Somerville Museum’s generous offer to host the Artists’ Choice Exhibit run in connection with SOS each year. All registered participants of SOS are invited to submit a piece of their choosing for inclusion in the show. Whether you choose to enter artwork or not, come and renew old art connections or make new ones at the opening on *Thursday April 16, 6 - 9 pm.*

SOS: overall weekend experience:

Somerville Open Studios (SOS) has come a long way from presenting 80+ artists in 1999. However, SOS continues to be dedicated to maintaining that initial local, grass-roots feel, providing visitors with the opportunity to view art made within the community, to interact with local artists, and to have access to artists’ working spaces, ranging from the dozens of home studios to the large studio and commercial buildings, such as Brickbottom Studios, Central Street Studios, Joy Street Studios, Mad Oyster Studios, Vernon Street Studios, Washington Street Art Center, among others. SOS will have artists exhibiting at the Center for Arts at the Armory at 191 Highland Ave in celebration of this new addition to the Somerville arts community.

SOS: further background:

Somerville Open Studios (SOS) is a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of producing an annual open studio and related events in Somerville, Massachusetts. Its goal is to broaden the public’s exposure to, and appreciation of, finished works of art as well as the art-making process. This exposure both educates the community and raises awareness of the diverse artistic experience available in Somerville. Somerville Open Studios is managed by a Board of Directors comprised of participating artists. An Open Studios executive committee is formed each year to organize the event. This committee is assisted by many dedicated volunteers. SOS is run by artists volunteering their time, energy and talents, and is fully supported by participating artists and the sponsorships of local businesses.

SOS website:

The continuously updated SOS website (www.somervilleopenstudios.org) allows visitors to search participating artists by name, medium and location. The site includes full event information and a downloadable map, available by mid-April, so that visitors can easily plan their routes beforehand.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

May 2 & 3, 2009 (Saturday & Sunday 12-6pm)

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