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Stamford Downtown introduces a new art show at the Pop-Up Gallery
at 96 Bedford Street,
The Vicious Circle - 25 Years Later
Celebrating a quarter century of independent art exhibition

December 3, 2019, Stamford, CT - *The Vicious Circle*, a Stamford independent art exhibiting cooperative will host a pop-up art and music gallery at 96 Bedford Street, December 7-14. The Opening Reception is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, 5-8 pm, which will be live streamed over the internet.

The Vicious Circle is an artist's exhibiting and performance cooperative dedicated to presenting their work to the public in alternative venues in the Fairfield County, CT area. Their goal is to supersede the vicious circle of opportunity that dictates that an artist can't get an exhibit without experience and you can't get experience without an exhibit; they attempt to provide both.

This current exhibit, "The Vicious Circle - 25 Years Later" is a celebration of the group's success and stubborn attitude to be artistically independent and have their vision seen on their own terms, in alternative venues. The exhibition will feature a group of artists which include painters, photographers, musicians and media producers. The Opening Reception will offer the exhibition of the fine art, photography, a painting "autodrawing" demonstration and an experimental film. Additionally, a new facet of art form for the group, musicians will also perform at the opening. All the artists have a distinctive vision, exemplary eclectic diversity, a personal view of the world around us, a style all their own and of course...ambition.

The art work in this gallery collection will include the thought provoking, sensual and phantasmagoric work of photographer Paul David Anthony, the labyrinthian multifaceted collaborative "autodrawing" of Carl Berrien Smith and Kelly Morgen Christopher, glamour and beauty photo mixed media by Bayardo Carrillo, a manifesto of elaborate intentional scribbles of love by Will Hart and the colorful and textured organic multi media abstractions of Susan

Peyser. A special experimental film will also be screened by media artist, Will Bragger. Musical performances will include acoustic tunes by Julie Maimon & Kevin Kelly, The Lincoln Project and L&S Electric.

The Vicious Circle has a strong history of giving opportunity to local artists. During its inception, it seemed that many artists held the same frustrating conundrum. For twenty five years, **The Vicious Circle** has provided unbiased opportunity to any artist trying to break into exhibiting. Since 1995 they have shown fine art and photography at alternative venues such as restaurants, bars, carnivals, empty stores and The Sackler Gallery at The Palace Theatre as their primary venue for five years as well as receiving much publicity on radio, newspapers and television. One hundred-twenty-five participants, roughly eight semi-permanent venues, countless exhibits and a lifetime of experience has become their claim to fame in the local art landscape. Over the years, the group has displayed their work to enthusiastic art goers in interesting locations and galvanized their resolve for longevity.

The group is proud of it's roots, history and message. This celebratory exhibit is an artistic landmark salute to past successes, a present mainstay and future endeavors.

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