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2013 ARTWALK in Stamford Downtown **Friday, June 14 (6pm-9pm) and Saturday, June 15 (10 am – 7 pm)**

*Join us for an exciting two days filled with fine art, artists,
galleries, retailers and restaurants . . .*



Stamford Downtown is always striving to make Stamford Downtown a better place to live, work and play. The *ARTWALK in Stamford Downtown* is yet another step towards showcasing the growing art community and collectors market in Stamford Downtown. As part of our *Art in Public Places* initiative, and in conjunction with this year's Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit entitled "Downtown Abstractions", Stamford Downtown is sponsoring its first ARTWALK from Friday, June 14th through Saturday, June 15th.

Created by Stamford Downtown Special Services District and its Curator, Art Consultant Valerie Cooper (owner of Picture That, LLC headquartered in Stamford), a phenomenal experience awaits for ARTWALK patrons from Stamford and its surrounding communities. Showcasing 95 talented northeast artists, photographers and sculptors, our inaugural *ARTWALK in Stamford Downtown* will reflect a diverse selection of mediums, styles and trends in the contemporary art world.

The ARTWALK (which is FREE to the public) will turn Stamford Downtown into a lively, friendly and varied art gallery for two days. Check in at our Spring Street ARTWALK registration booth to obtain an ARTWALK map highlighting the locations of exhibiting artists. Equipped with this map, visitors can easily navigate the four block ARTWALK route and enjoy light refreshments and live music along the way (check events calendar for details). All art will be available for purchase and the majority will remain on display until July 7th.

In addition to the retail and restaurant locations hosting artists in their establishments, six Stamford Downtown Art Galleries are actively taking part in the ARTWALK by featuring special Summer art exhibitions which include the following:

1. **Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery**, 96 Bedford Street- "*Be (come) a Collector*"
2. **Franklin Street Works**, 41 Franklin Street – "*Strange Invitation*"
3. **Old Town Hall Museum**, 175 Atlantic Street – "*SmART: an iPhone & iPad Art Exhibit*"
4. **R. Hollander MasterGoldsmith**, 154 Bedford St. - "*Subduction-works of Hollander & Davis*"
5. **Stamford Art Association Gallery**, 39 Franklin St. - "*Art and Soul of Stamford*"
6. **UConn Stamford Art Gallery**, 1 University Plaza – "*Different Strokes*"

An ARTWALK Opening Celebration will be held on Spring Street Friday, June 14th at 5:00pm where participating artists, gallery owners, retailers and restaurateurs will meet to kick off the two-day event. All are welcome to attend the Opening festivities! The variety of art styles and the artists themselves will reflect the diversity of cultures present in Fairfield County. For details and more information www.stamford-downtown.com or call (203) 348-5285.