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CREATING ART ON THE STREETS OF CARMEL

Every weekend in May, new 'en plein air' event to bring artists, spectators to Carmel's Arts & Design District

Carmel, IN - Enjoy the month of May by creating art on the streets of the Carmel Arts & Design District during Drawn to the District. Inspired by the beauty of spring and the District's picturesque surroundings, this inaugural "en plein air" event adds a vibrant atmosphere to the new season in the Carmel Arts & Design District on Saturdays and Sundays in May from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Drawn to the District, a special month-long event is made possible through a partnership between the City of Carmel and the Carmel Arts & Design District Gallery Association, with nine galleries and nearly 100 merchants representing the district. <http://www.carmelartsanddesign.com/directory/category.asp?cid=2>

All are welcome as the District galleries will be open and actively participating in this one-of-a-kind event sure to draw artists and spectators alike from the Carmel community and beyond, each weekend in May. "Family Friendly Weekends" are also planned to encourage all ages to view or create their own art.

Inspired by last fall's successful Carmel on Canvas event, the spring version, Drawn to the District, carries its own distinction with a laid back feel, encouraging participants of all abilities to enjoy expressing their creativity in a less competitive atmosphere.

Care to expand the creative experience? Free art classes are also being offered on certain event weekends. Please see below for registration information.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

This very special Drawn to the District - Plein Art Painting event is open to everyone of all ages and skill levels. Whether it's painting, sketching, sculpting, carving or creating mosaics, there is a medium for all to participate.

Artists can receive registration materials filled with "Artists Specials" on their first day of painting at Inspire Studio Gallery (111 W. Main St.).

For registration and more information contact Cathy Bauder, Inspire Studio Gallery, at 317-517-1213 or Susan Mauck, French Bleu Gallery, at 317-331-3734.

CLASS OFFERINGS

Free watercolor art classes are being offered by the following artists:

- * Erika Woods, May 3rd, 9th and 23rd, Artsplash Gallery
- * Anna Afshar, Artsplash Gallery
- * Rodney Reveal, Inspire Studio Gallery

For more information on specific dates and times, please call Inspire Studio Gallery at 317-517-1213 or check the website at [carmelartsanddesign.com](http://www.carmelartsanddesign.com)<<http://www.carmelartsanddesign.com/>>.

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The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 100 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques, and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.