



# Carmel Arts & Design District

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### **New Art Gallery Opens in the Arts & Design District**

Carmel, IN – Atlas Fantasy Art House will host its grand opening this weekend in the Carmel Arts & Design District with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 9 with special guests Mayor Brainard and featured artist, Donato Giancola. Atlas Fantasy Art House is a three-story art gallery specializing in Illustrator art with emphasis on Science Fiction and fantasy art located at 246 W. Main Street.

Giancola has won three Artist Hugo Awards for outstanding professional work from the World Science Fiction Society in addition to numerous other awards. He recently completed the artwork for the Sam Shepherd and Mercury Project forever stamps unveiled at the Kennedy Space Center on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The original Sam Shepherd preliminary drawing and the forever stamp will be displayed at the gallery.

Additional activities will take place on Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10 to celebrate the grand opening. Donato Giancola will be at Atlas Fantasy Art House after the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 9 throughout the day and for a meet and greet reception from 7-9 p.m. In addition, Curtis Oddo will be present for a book signing of his work, "The Crimson Battle Axe," and a performance of his soon to be recorded acoustic music. The original painting used for the book cover done by Boris Vallejo and Julie Bell will be on display for viewing.

On Saturday, March 10, Donato Giancola will hold a painting demonstration at Atlas Fantasy Art House from 4-10 p.m. coinciding with the IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk in the Arts & Design District.

For more information about Atlas Fantasy Art House, visit their website at

<http://atlasfantasyarthouse.com>. To view a sampling of Donato Giancola's work, visit

<http://www.donatoart.com/>

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*The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to over 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.*