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SaratogaArtsFest “Paint Out” invites visual artists

Saratoga Springs is known for its scenic downtown, and once again SaratogaArtsFest will present an opportunity for visual artists to capture and display that beauty in a "plein air" Paint Out. “En plein air” is a French expression meaning “in the open air” and is specifically used to describe the act of painting outdoors.

Participating artists will work from the vantage point of the city’s sidewalks and parks as part of SaratogaArtsFest 2011, scheduled for June 9-12. The annual festival is a citywide celebration of music, dance, visual art, film, theatre, and literary art.

The Paint Out has proven to be a popular component of the annual ArtsFest, now marking its fifth year. The painters, who are stationed throughout downtown Saratoga Springs and in Congress Park, attract many fans and passersby as they paint streetscapes and local scenes. Even artists who have never worked “en plein air” can enjoy the unique experience of creating art “on location.”

Artists interested in participating in the program should fill out the online application form for visual arts, available at www.SaratogaArtsFest.org. The deadline for registration is May 1.

The public is invited to meet the Paint Out artists and view their completed artwork on Sunday, June 12, 3-5p.m. at the House of Creative Soul, 38 Van Dam Street, Saratoga Springs.

For more information on the exhibition, contact Susan Farnsworth, artist relations coordinator for SaratogaArtsFest, at 518-580-8010, or email slfdesign@aol.com.