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ART BEAT 2009 MOVES TO A WEEKEND

SOUTH BEND, IN--- The Art Beat Steering Committee announced that Art Beat 2009 will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 10 AM to 6 PM. For the past several years, Art Beat has taken place on a Thursday with the intent of bringing more visitors to the downtown on a weekday afternoon. As the event has grown, event organizers have increasingly heard comments from the community to move Art Beat to a weekend to accommodate more families and out of town visitors. A recent survey of Art Beat participating artists and musicians favors the concept of shifting the event to a Saturday (non ND Football weekend).

Additionally, area arts organizations are currently collaborating on an outdoor sculpture exhibit by internationally renowned sculptor, George Rickey, in late September. They have asked that Art Beat be moved to a weekend in late September to coordinate the two efforts in downtown South Bend. After carefully reviewing concerns and comments from the public, the Art Beat Steering Committee decided on this change in 2009.

Event Registration will open by mid April and information regarding submitting artwork for review will be posted online at www.artbeatsouthbend.org.

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