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CALL FOR ENTRIES TO ART BEAT 2009
COMMEMORATIVE PRINT CONTEST

SOUTH BEND, IN--- The Art Beat steering committee is now accepting entries for the design of the annual Art Beat Commemorative Print. The 18"x24" Commemorative Print will be used in Art Beat 2009 collateral materials such as the event program, promotional posters, postcards and billboards.

Art Beat is a free, downtown South Bend evening stroll along the sidewalks featuring the work of local visual, performing, and culinary artists. The event showcases South Bend and the surrounding community's artists and creates awareness of the role that downtown organizations and businesses play in the artisans' promotion and success. **Art Beat 2009 will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 10 AM to 6 PM.** This is the first year that Art Beat is being held on a Saturday. This change was made after a recent survey of participating artists and downtown merchants revealed that participants supported the move.

The Commemorative Print artwork contest is open to students (9th grade through College) as well as adult artists. Artists living in the following counties are eligible to submit entries for this competition: St. Joseph, Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall and Starke counties in Indiana and Berrien and Cass counties in Michigan.

The Commemorative Print artwork must represent the mission of Art Beat and must be computer generated. To obtain an entry form and other details about the artwork contest, visit the Art Beat website: www.artbeatsouthbend.org

Deadline for submitting artwork is April 30, 2009. All entries will be judged by the Art Beat Steering Committee and the winning entrant will receive a \$250 cash prize and certificate. The winning entrant will be notified by May 15, 2009. Design credit will be displayed on all collateral materials.

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