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Second Aurora ArtWalk Slated for March 27

See such diverse art as bellydancing and a car sculpture

AURORA, Illinois (March 11, 2009)—Back for a second anticipated successful event, the Aurora ArtWalk is slated for 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 27 in downtown historic Aurora.

The edgy, surprising, diverse and inspiring event—created and planned by artists—will be filled with Fox Valley artisans painting, sculpting, drawing, reading, dancing, singing, strumming—and, yes—bellydancing! The ArtWalk will be hosted by multiple venues just on-and-off Broadway (Rt. 25). Each site will feature a combination of music, performance arts, visual arts, exhibits and free refreshments from local eateries to highlight the diverse arts community in and around Aurora and to showcase these gorgeous historic buildings.

Guests will be showcased in eight of Aurora's historic buildings. This visual, tactile and auditory event will also offer free refreshments, entertainment and gorgeous art for sale spanning all mediums. Nearly 30 artists are expected to exhibit and perform.

This is the second event put on by Aurora Downtown, in conjunction with the City of Aurora, the Aurora Area CVB and the Cultural Creatives (a group of more than 50 local artists, property owners and business owners). The first very well-attended Aurora ArtWalk was held on Sept. 12.

The [Aurora ArtWalk](#) was sparked by several concepts: to offer an opportunity for artists to meet other local artists; to showcase Aurora's open-armed embrace to its burgeoning artist colony; to highlight downtown's historic venues; and to promote Aurora's art-friendly business and property owners.

The line-up of venues are: Aurora Regional Fire Museum, Balderas Beauty Salon, LaFrance Bakery, Aurora FastPrint, Budget Finance, Gallery 44, Artworks Studio, Paramount Arts Centre and the Aurora Public Art Commission

The event lineup includes (but not limited to):

- Mixed media and Watercolors by [Joyce Reuland](#)
- Sculptures by [Joseph Gagnepain](#)
- [Original Poetry](#) by Karen Christensen
- Belly Dancing by [Real Women Belly Dance](#)
- Celtic harp and keyboard music by [Jillian LaDage](#)
- Oils, acrylic, watercolors by [Ginny Gaura](#)
- Photography by [Jimi Allen](#)
- Acoustic “almost bluegrass” guitar by [Kevin Trudo](#)
- Jewelry by Molly Bitters
- Sculpture by [Stephen Lockwood](#)
- Original Reading by Jo Fredell Higgins
- Piano, cello, and vocals by [Willow Fair](#)
- Celtic harp and keyboard music by [Jillian LaDage](#)
- Digital art prints by [Timothy Burns](#)
- Sculptures by Rita Grendze
- Acoustic blues played by Dan Phelps
- [Dee Hakala](#) essay, "You Don't Have to Wear a Thong to Belong"
- [Ted Yoder](#) playing a hammered dulcimer
- Oil paintings by Dawn Green
- Photographs by [Petra Martens](#)
- Latin guitar by Dave Byron
- Lichtenberg sculptures by Todd Johnson
- Abstract painting by [Maureen Gasek](#)
- Photography by Spiros Koliopoulos

For more information on the Aurora ArtWalk visit auroraartwalk.com or enjoyaurora.com



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