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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES ARTS DISTRICT HOLDS THE FIRST
OPEN STUDIO ART TOUR ON JUNE 24**

Art, Music and Entertainment to Cap Daylong Event

LOS ANGELES (June 14, 2000) -- Over 40 lofts and 60 artists will open their live/work spaces directly to the public for the first-ever Downtown Arts District Tour on Saturday, June 24, 2000 starting at 11:00 a.m.

"The breadth and depth of talent on display is prodigious, ranging from painting to photography to jewelry. Artists and merchants, along with performers, are uniting to make this a memorable day. We are throwing back the curtain of the Arts District for the public to explore and learn about the area," said Katie McArthy, Los Angeles Downtown Arts District event coordinator.

The free daylong event activities include jamming music from a variety of live bands at the Citizens Warehouse (1001 Fourth Street) and at the 1427 East Fourth Street Building. In addition, a silent auction will be featured at the

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Downtown Arts Studio Tour, 2-2-2

Downtown Playhouse (929 East 2nd St.). Furthermore, the Cornerstone Theatre (708 Traction Ave.) will be showing videos of its "art, soul and story".

Event maps and information will be available at Bloom's General Store (Traction Ave. and Hewitt St.) and from the wandering band of host/volunteers. The Downtown Arts District stretches from Santa Fe to Alameda Streets and from 1st and 4th Streets with lofts, art studios and restaurants. Further information is available at **www.ladad.com**.

The Downtown Center BID is a coalition of property owners united in their commitment to enhance the quality of life in Downtown Los Angeles. The organization aims to help the 65-block central business district – The Heart of the City – achieve its full potential. Nearly 250 property owners provide funds to the district via a special tax assessment. Further information on Downtown events and real estate opportunities is available at **www.downtownla.com**.

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