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ArtWalk

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"Ring in the New Year"

- WHAT:** ArtWalk - a major program of the **Center for Contemporary Arts**
- WHEN:** **January 11, 2007**
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** **DOWNTOWN ABILENE**
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Featured Activities

*Enjoy free art activities, live music, and fun for everyone –
all downtown Abilene.*

The Downtown Star Award recipients, **Ginny Daughtrey**, editor of the *Abilenian*, **Art Ramos**, letter carrier and **Sgt. Joe Tauer**, Abilene Police Bicycle Unit, will be honored at 5:30 by the **Downtown Association** at the Center for Contemporary Arts. **Herb Roberts** and **Noble Harris** will receive the first **Downtown Pick-up Award** for their consistent willingness to pick up trash downtown.

Preview scenes from *Cats* presented by the **Cooper High School Theater Department** from 6:30 to 7:30 at **the Center for Contemporary Arts**. While you are there, be sure to pick up a **free ArtWalk magnet** for your refrigerator.

Street vendors include **Dream On!** with free dream interpretations and encouraging words in front of Busch Jewelers, and David Bavousett with **Tin Shed Creations**, in front of the Leaf. **Avon** representative **Rhonda Young** will be in front of Monks.

ArtWalk @ your Abilene Public Library: The **Jim Ned** art students of **Jan Pearce** will be displaying their work in honor of International Creativity Month between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the main library.

At **The Grace Museum** enjoy hearing the **Woodson Handbell Choir**. They perform at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. **George Holland** will give ceramic throwing and firing demonstrations, and kids of all ages can create a **New Year's Craft** during *Make It and Take It* - a free art activity available from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Van LeBus can transform your flatware into beautiful pendants. Visit him outside his studio upstairs at the Center for Contemporary Arts.

The Historic Paramount Theatre will be closed for High School Musical rehearsals ArtWalk night. Go to <http://www.paramount-abilene.org/> for ticket information.

Frontier Texas! will be open until 6:00 p.m.

The Abilene Civic Center will be open.

As always, **Abilene Trolley Rides** are **Free for ArtWalkers!**

Galleries and Museums

The Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress Street.

Jane Adams Breed Gallery: *Chiaroscuro*– Linda Scarborough

The Center for Contemporary Arts is delighted to present Signature Artist Member Linda Scarborough's collection of work in the Breed Gallery. Her paintings reflect the art history term "chiaroscuro" meaning shadow and light.

Gallery 2: *Texas Photographic Society - National Juried Competition.*

In the last decade, TPS has sponsored 28 exhibitions that have been shown throughout Texas and in Europe. The National Competition has appeared in 17 Texas cities. Harris Fogel, chairman of the Media Arts Department at the University of the Arts – Philadelphia, juried the show.

Gallery 3: *Satiated Between the Layers* – Ash Almonte

Almonte's paintings are extremely energetic and colorful abstracts, primarily portraits and a new series of florals. Ash Almonte is the youngest Signature Artist Member at the Center. Signature is the highest level of artist membership.

Gallery 4: *Opposition Settee-Selected Artist Members*

The age old rule "good art shouldn't match your sofa" is known by all and forgotten by many. This exhibit wages war on the push for decorative splendor, and it invites artists to create their conceptual and passionate works regardless of where it may be placed in a patron's home.

Cockerell Properties, 1133 N. 2nd Street.

Bring in the New Year with our featured artist Eyakem Gulilat's show, "Doors." Exhibiting outdoors will be artists, Rebecca Hull and Henry Morgan. In the Gallery, enjoy pieces by Ash Almonte, Doug Hodel, Bud Thomas, and Jessica Natalee Templeton. American Crew products will be sold at Blokes grooming for guys. Hypnotherapy sessions can be made with C. Kahl, and massages with Carmen Money.

The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress Street.

Main Gallery

Creatures Great and Small: Folk Art from The African American Museum, Dallas - These contemporary (and primarily Texan) folk artists are self-taught intuitive people who find their own way into art in an intensely personal way.

Second Floor: Gallery A and B

Texas Singer Songwriters: An Americana Portrait -- Photographs by Gary Goldberg -- Photographer Gary Goldberg, art professor at Midwestern State University, has documented fifty Texas singer songwriters whose works are part of a musical genre called "Americana." Images include Stephanie Urbina Jones and Ray Wylie Hubbard of "Up Against the Wall Redneck Mother" fame, and several images have audio components.

Second Floor: Gallery C

Contemporary Ceramics from the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts – Many of these contemporary American ceramics were purchased from the National Ceramic Competitions held at the San Angelo museum. See a wide range of styles and imagery in these 40 creative pieces.

Third Floor: History Museum

Mallouf Boot Shop, T&P Railroad, and Historic Period Rooms

**NCCIL (National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature),
102 Cedar Street.**

Come by the NCCIL to see the *The Berenstain Bears Out West*. Learn all about the Bears' newest adventure where for the first time, they leave Bear country and head out west to visit their Uncle Tex. This unique exhibit also provides an inside look into how a children's book is created. Autographed books are available for purchase. Free art activities will be offered from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This is the last month to see the Bears!

Studio Thirteen, 909 N. 13th, 7:30 - 10:30.

Come on down to Studio Thirteen. We'll have a late night snack, talk about art, and you can see our latest work. Coolest art co-op in town!

12th Armored Division Memorial Museum, 1289 N. 2nd Street.

American small arms used during WWII will be presented by living history interpreters Tom Walke, Jason Pitcher and Alex Phillips. Open

5:30 to 8:00 pm. Admission is free during ArtWalk and small free gifts are available for children.

Restaurants

The Civic Plaza Hotel, 505 Pine Street. The lobby and restaurant will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Cypress Street Station, 158 Cypress Street. Cheryl Smith will exhibit her work all month.

McKay's Bakery, 226 Cypress Street. Grab a bite to eat, and try a wide variety of treats!

Specialty Shops

Civilization – A Shop of Discoveries, 174 Cypress Street. Come to see and purchase an eclectic selection of classic and contemporary gifts for men, women and children until 8:00 p.m.

The Leaf, 202 Cypress Street. The Leaf features an espresso bar with hot and iced espresso beverages, Italian sodas, iced tea, and sodas; tobacco, cigars, and pipes, teas and gifts.

Monks Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress Street. Come see artworks by Tim Sutherland, Eynne Caffey, and Ash Almonte and enjoy pastries, coffee, smoothies and more.

Texas Star Trading Company, 326 Cypress Street, at the Hotel Wooten. For information, call 325-672-9696. They're open until 7:30 p.m. during ArtWalk.

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For more information on ArtWalk, contact The Center for Contemporary Arts at 677-8389.

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