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East Bay Open Studios
June 2005

Oakland, CA: Pro Arts is pleased to announce East Bay Open Studios during two weekends in June: June 4 & 5 and June 11 & 12. A preview exhibition will take place at Pro Arts from April 27 through June 12. The EBOS Preview Gala and Benefit will take place on Thursday, April 28, 6 - 9pm. A reception for the artists will take place on Thursday, June 2 from 7-9pm.

East Bay Opens Studios (EBOS) is accompanied by a Map & Directory to facilitate free self-guided tours of artist studios in 14 East Bay area cities such as Berkeley, Oakland, Emeryville, Richmond and Alameda. The Map & Directory features geographic locations, an index of participating artists, images from each artist and other studio information. The EBOS 2005 Map & Directory will be inserted into the East Bay Express newspaper and circulated throughout the greater Bay Area. Maps will be available at Pro Arts and at galleries, cafes, bookstores, and other arts venues from April to June.

EBOS is the region's longest running open studio event--and the largest--with over 500 artists at nearly 400 locations. Artists will exhibit sample works at Pro Arts' Jack London Square gallery during the preview exhibition. Art sales during the preview exhibition are encouraged--sales during the Preview Gala benefit Pro Arts exhibitions and programs. EBOS is produced by Pro Arts, the East Bay's largest member-driven community arts organization. Pro Arts has a membership of more than 1000 artists and supporters.

This event will be accompanied by an online gallery, hosted by MesArt.com, featuring individualized pages for each participating artist, biographical information, a guest book, and purchasing options. Additionally Pro Arts will produce the Art Bus Tour featuring select artists from East Bay Open Studios. This event will offer private previews of artists' studios, wine and refreshments on Friday, June 3, 6 - 9pm. Advance tickets available, \$75 per person. Proceeds from this event benefit Pro Arts. Also, day tours will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, 1-4pm.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Pro Arts is located at 550 Second Street, Oakland, CA, 94607. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, Noon - 6pm; and Sunday, Noon - 5pm. Entrance is free.

MISSION

Pro Arts is a nonprofit artist-based membership organization serving the San Francisco Bay Area's diverse cultural communities. Find out more at www.proartsgallery.org

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