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Arts in Bushwick presents Bushwick Open Studios and Art Festival, June 4-6, 2010: a volunteer-organized event celebrating the thriving local arts scene and building bridges within its dynamic community.

Brooklyn, NY – May 17, 2010: Arts in Bushwick is pleased to announce that Bushwick Open Studios and Arts Festival is back and bigger than ever. Now in its fourth year, BOS '10 includes over 275 individual studios, shows and events involving more than 500 artists in over 140 locations. This free annual festival invites visual artists, performers, musicians, designers and the public to celebrate creative expression together in the one of the most vital arts districts in New York City.

On June 5 and 6, participating artists will open their studios from 12pm-7pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to view an impressive variety of work from hundreds of artists, and to meet and talk with the artists directly. Detailed profiles of participating artists, including images, can be found on the interactive artist directory at artsinbushwick.org.

Bushwick Open Studios takes place over 3 square miles, including parts of East Williamsburg, Bedford-Stuyvesant and Ridgewood. To unite the area, Informational hubs close to subway and bus lines will provide maps, promotional materials and information about studios and activities. Hubs include: English Kills, 3rd Ward, ISCP, Goodbye Blue Monday, Bushwick Supply, Lumenhouse, Palmetto AIR, Norte Maar, Camel, Famous Accountants, Wyckoff Starr, Green Rhino, Junto Meeting Place, and Fort Useless.

For a taste of the festival weekend, please visit the **BOS Preview and Benefit Art Sale** on Friday, May 21, 7.30pm at Lumenhouse, 47 Beaver Street. This cash and carry event features the work of over 70 participating artists all priced under \$200.

Festival highlights include:

* **Opening Night Party** Friday, June 4, 9pm at Beauty Bar, 921 Broadway.

Featuring DJ's Shimmy, Captain Heartlock and Cowboy Mark spinning garage, rockabilly and soul.

* **Seeking Space** Saturday June 5 & Sunday June 6, 12-7pm, above Talas, 330 Morgan Ave.

A large group show in a 3000+ square foot loft space, showcasing a wide variety of work from artists from Bushwick and beyond.

* **BOS Music Festival**, Saturday June 5 and Sunday June 6, 6pm onwards at Goodbye Blue Monday, 1087 Broadway.

Featuring seventeen bands, one hula-hoop act, and a free barbecue.

* **Bushwick in 2010: Where are we now, where have we been, and where are we going?** Saturday June 5, 1pm at Lumenhouse, 47 Beaver Street.

During this panel and open discussion, the creative community, affordable housing advocates, industry, local food advocates, and other neighborhood stakeholders will address issues of displacement and neighborhood change.

* **Annual BOS Cabaret**, Saturday June 5, 7pm at 319 Scholes.

Featuring a variety of music, dance, performance, puppetry, and installations.

* **BOS Closing Party**, Sunday June 6, 9pm – midnight at 330 Melrose St.

Celebrate the end of the weekend on a Bushwick rooftop. Admission is free with a festival program.

Arts in Bushwick is a diverse, all-volunteer organization that serves and engages artists and other neighborhood residents through creative accessibility and community organizing. It is our goal to create an integrated and sustainable neighborhood, and to bring together all Bushwick residents and stakeholders to counter development-driven displacement.

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For profiles of participating artists, a schedule and description of events (including more specific times and locations), press about past festivals, and other information, please visit us online at www.artsinbushwick.org, or email press@artsinbushwick.org.

