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Eleven Tulsa Artists Open Doors for Art Studio Tour

TULSA - The Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition's upcoming **Tulsa Art Studio Tour** will open the doors of 11 Tulsa artists' studios. Visitors will experience the creative processes and meet the artists on April 21-22 from noon until 5 p.m.

Art fans will find the Tulsa Art Studio Tour a rare opportunity to see artists in their working space, talk with them about their creations, as well as view and buy artwork. The self-guided tour is presented by the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC), a statewide non-profit.

"What artists do every day may seem ordinary to the artist but astonishing to visitors," said Julia Kirt, OVAC executive director. "Artists' processes, like molding materials, designing images and mixing paint, unfold in colorful, sometimes messy, inspiring spaces."

The artists work in a range of artistic media including painting, furniture, photography and more. Representing a variety of stages in their art careers, some are new to professional art, while others have many years of experience. Tour featured artists include:

- Sharon Allred, painting
- Tommy Ball & Tahlia Roper, watercolor, painting, photography, installation
- Cathy Deuschle, painting
- Eric Fransen, furniture
- Terri Higgs, painted silk
- Rusty Johnson, wood
- Sandra Langenkamp, painting, sculpture
- Michael McRuiz, photography
- Paul Timshel, painting
- Mark Wittig, performance, installation

A preview exhibition will be on display at the Circle Cinema gallery, 12 S. Lewis, through April 1.

Passports to the Tour include a map and are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the studios during the event. Attendance is free for students. Passports are available online at www.TulsaArtStudioTour.org, by phone at (405) 879-2400, or at ticket outlets, including The Gadget Company, Dwelling Spaces, Lovetts Gallery, and Nielsens Gifts. Passports may also be purchased at any of the Tour studios the days of the Tour.

Visitors who get their passport stamped at all 10 studios during the tour dates will be registered to win a prize.

The Tulsa Art Studio Tour is sponsored by the George Kaiser Family Foundation, Walsh Branding, Sharla & Chris Owens, and Jean Ann & Tom Fausser.

For more information about the Tulsa Art Studio Tour, visit www.TulsaArtStudioTour.org.

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