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Save the date: Artomatic 2009 registration opens Friday, March 27

Calling all D.C.-area artists: If you want to be a part of this summer's coolest arts event, it's time to mark your calendars. Registration will open online Friday, March 27, at noon for artists who want to participate in Artomatic 2009.

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, Artomatic will be presenting art, music, theater, workshops and more from May 29 through July 5 in Washington, D.C. The five-week event, held in conjunction with the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District (BID) and Monument Realty, will take place at Half Street's 55 M Street, S.E. The new building is located at the Navy Yard Metro stop in D.C.'s Capitol Riverfront neighborhood.

Artomatic registration will open March 27 for visual artists — such as painters, photographers, sculptors and graphic designers — as well as performers — such as those who present music, dance, theater or poetry. Artomatic is an unjuried show, so all artists are welcome to participate. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and will end once space and performance slots are filled.

Visual artists, who will have their work on display throughout the entire run of the event, are required to work three shifts to help run Artomatic 2009. Further details on registration fees, exhibit space, installation and hours of the event will be on the Artomatic Web site at www.artomatic.org by March 27. Details for performers will also be available on the Web site.

For registration questions, e-mail register@artomatic.org. To volunteer, e-mail volunteer@artomatic.org.

Held regularly since 1999, Artomatic transforms an unfinished indoor space into an exciting and diverse arts event that is free and open to the public. In addition to displays by hundreds of artists, the event features free films, educational presentations and children's activities, as well as musical, dance, poetry, theater and other performances. Last year's Artomatic attracted about 1,540 artists and 52,500 visitors.

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About Artomatic: Artomatic is a creative community that collaborates to produce and present a free arts spectacular. Participation is open to all, from recognized artists to undiscovered talents, who work in a variety of arts forms. In partnership with the development community, Artomatic transforms unused building space into a playground for expression, serves as a catalyst for community growth in up-and-coming neighborhoods, and helps to grow the creative economy. The nonprofit Artomatic organization is headed by a volunteer Board of Directors and is funded in part by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, an agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, visit www.artomatic.org

About the Capitol Riverfront BID: The Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District (BID) is dedicated to making the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood clean, safe, friendly and vibrant; to creating the best quality of life in the neighborhood; and to attracting office tenants, residents, retailers and visitors. For more information, visit www.capitolriverfront.org

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