



# CrystalCity

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## Come and meet the artists at Artomatic on May 4

Come mix, mingle and meet some of the area's most creative talents during Meet the Artists Night at Artomatic.

From 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, May 4, many of the artists who are showing their work or performing at Artomatic will be on hand to talk about what their work, discuss what inspires them and answer your questions. More than 600 people are participating in this year's Artomatic, including 400 visual artists.

"If you've always wanted to meet an artist in person and find out what the creative process is like, this is your chance," said George Koch, chair of Artomatic Inc.

People who come to Artomatic on the evening of May 4 will be able to take in a full schedule of free events, including films, poetry, music and fire performances. Live music will kick off at 7 p.m. and run through midnight, with performances by djesben, Koshari, Matt Wilschke, Dead Men's Hollow and Ephemeral Sun. Also at 7 p.m., "Jolene Sugarbaker The Trailer Park Queen," will teach attendees how to whip up tasty budget treats and recipes via a film shot straight from her "Trailer Park Test Kitchen." Capital Fire Arts, a Washington, D.C.-based performance company, will be on hand to wow the crowds with their unique style of fire dancing.



*Capital Fire Arts will be among the performers on hand on May 4.*

Held regularly since 1999, Artomatic features 90,000 square feet of paintings, sculptures, photography and other creative work. The event, which runs through May 20, is being held on the 6th and 8th floor of an office building at 2121 Crystal Drive, in Crystal City, Arlington, Va. The location is within walking distance to the Crystal City Metro station. Free garage parking is available evenings and weekends, but visitors are strongly encouraged to take Metro to Artomatic.

This year's Artomatic is presented in partnership with the Crystal City Business Improvement District. Artomatic is funded in part by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, an agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.

For the full schedule of events on May 4, visit <http://www.artomatic.org/events/2007/05/4>. To view the entire Artomatic event calendar, which details performances and events through May 20, visit <http://www.artomatic.org/event>. For directions and hours, call the Artomatic infoline at (202) 544-1005.

**Reporters:** Hi-res images of Capital Fire Arts and Dead Men's Hollow are available for download from the Artomatic press photos page. To request a password for the photos page, e-mail [michelelate@gmail.com](mailto:michelelate@gmail.com).

### Artomatic

**April 13–May 20, 2007**

2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Va.

[www.artomatic.org](http://www.artomatic.org)

Metro stop: Crystal City

Free admission, donations accepted

### Hours

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Noon–10 p.m.

Thursday: Noon–11 p.m.

Friday, Saturday: Noon–1 a.m.

Closed Mondays