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Brickbottom and Joy Street Open Studios

November 23 & 24, 2019 | 12-6 pm

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Open Studios Directory Show on view **November 7 - 24, 2019**

<https://brickbottom.org>

In the mid-80s, 100+ artists pooled their money to buy and develop an abandoned grocery warehouse and finally moved into their new live-work spaces in 1988, the first of its kind in the country. Every year since, Brickbottom artists have opened their studios to the public on the weekend before Thanksgiving, showing and selling work in a wide variety of media and formats. One year early on, the founders held two open studios weekends – which is why we’re celebrating our **32nd** annual Open Studios in our **31st** anniversary year!

Over 60 Brickbottom Artists Association members will show their work on **November 23 & 24, 2019** – in our Gallery, the “Directory Show” features one representative piece from each artist to help visitors prioritize their studio visits. And one block away, the artists of Joy Street Studios will open their doors as well, many offering live demonstrations as they create new work. Our Open Studios event provides opportunities for visitors to meet and support local artists in their workspaces.

Our artists work in every medium and format: sculpture, painting, photography, fiber... 2D, 3D, virtual, experiential, and everything in between. Visitors interested in starting or growing a collection of art by local artists will find work in every price range. Free performances throughout the buildings on both days add to the fun and offer more ways for visitors to engage with art and artists. Free, accessible, and bike-friendly Brickbottom and Joy Street Open Studios are open to all.

Located between Lechmere T station and Union Square, Somerville, we are easily accessible by foot or by bus routes 80, 87, 86, 88, and 91. There’s ample free street parking on Chestnut and Linwood Streets, and bike parking outside the front door. Brickbottom is fully wheelchair accessible.

Snacks on Site! Somerville’s The Biscuit will set up their pop-up shop in the Cannery lobby, providing low-cost, delectable pastries, sandwiches, coffee, and sodas to keep visitors well fueled for the day’s experiences with art.

Quick Facts:

- Brickbottom Artists Building is housed in the former cannery, foundry, and bakery of the A&P Grocery chain.
- Brickbottom is one of the largest and most well established live-work artists' building in the US. The building was purchased in the mid-1980s by a group of artists seeking stable and affordable space and converted to 150 live-work lofts ranging from 800 to 3000 SF in size.
- Brickbottom has held Open Studios every year since 1988.

- The Brickbottom Artists Association promotes and supports its members and their work through art openings, BAA gallery shows, membership benefits, and other programs.
- The Brickbottom Gallery is a non-profit exhibition space established in 1989. It is open to all emerging and established artists in the greater Boston metropolitan area, with no fee to exhibit.

For more Info:

brickbottom.org | facebook.com/brickbottom
joystreetartists.org | facebook.com/JoyStreetStudios.

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The Brickbottom Artists Association (BAA) is dedicated to preserving and expanding the arts in Somerville and the greater Boston area. Year-round, the Brickbottom Gallery presents thoughtful and professionally curated art exhibitions as one of Somerville's few non-profit contemporary art galleries. Through community outreach and involvement, free lectures and scholarship awards, the BAA strives to expand an awareness of the arts that enriches the Boston community at large.