

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Brickbottom and Joy Street Open Studios

November 19 & 20, 12-6 pm

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Brickbottom's **2016 Open Studios** event takes place November 19 & 20. Since 1987, Brickbottom artists have opened their live-work studios to the public on the weekend before Thanksgiving, showing and selling work in a wide **variety of media and formats**. This year, **over 50 Brickbottom Artists' Association members** will show their work, while a block away, the artists of **Joy Street Studios** will open their doors as well, many offering live demonstrations as they create new work.

#### Meet and support local artists

Our Open Studios event provides opportunities for visitors to **talk with 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 and free to attend. 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 **wheelchair accessible**.

#### Snacks on Site!

Somerville's The Biscuit café sets up a **pastry and coffee bar** in the Brickbottom lobby for Open Studios 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 artists' live-work artists' buildings 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 1987.
- The Brickbottom Artists' Association promotes and supports its members and their work through art openings, BAA gallery shows, membership benefits, and other programs, and is open to all area artists.
- 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.

#### More Info:

[brickbottom.org](http://brickbottom.org) | [joystreetstudios.com](http://joystreetstudios.com) | [facebook.com/brickbottom](https://facebook.com/brickbottom) | [twitter.com/brickbottom](https://twitter.com/brickbottom)

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The **Brickbottom Artist 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 not-for-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.