



NEVIN KELLY GALLERY PRESENTS "STIMULUS," A GROUP EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY LOCAL ARTISTS DESIGNED TO STIMULATE THE MIND AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

*Show runs June 16 through July 11, 2009; Opening Reception, Tuesday, June 16 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.*

*Other local businesses offering stimulus packages for opening night*

In recognition of the challenging economic times, Nevin Kelly Gallery, located at 1400 Irving Street, NW, #132, announces "Stimulus," a group exhibition of works by more than twenty local artists at limited-opportunity prices. The gallery has selected, a Tuesday evening (June 16), typically a slow night for galleries and other businesses, for the opening reception. Joining in the celebration, several local restaurants and other business will offer their own stimulus packages on opening night.

"We invite the public to come stimulate their minds and the local economy by supporting this exhibition," says gallery owner Nevin J. Kelly. "While they are in the Columbia Heights neighborhood, we encourage them to take advantage of the specials being offered by some of our neighboring businesses."

Kelly explains that "the concept and the name of the show are somewhat tongue-in-cheek, but the show has a serious side. In times like these, arts and artists tend to suffer disproportionately, and we are trying to remind people, by parodying the government's broader stimulus efforts, that local artists and local businesses need their support."

Participating artists have been asked to price their works for this exhibition at least 15% below their norm. The gallery has agreed to reduce its standard commission to make up part of the difference. All works will be priced at \$500 or less. For works over \$100, there will be a limit of 3 works per artist. Kelly explains that limiting the number of works by each artist protects the concept of limited opportunity pricing and helps guard against an overall deterioration of the artists' price-points, "an important consideration for collectors," he says, adding "if you want a work by one of your favorite artists at these prices, you need to buy it before somebody else gets it."

Participating artists include: JOHN M. ADAMS, SONDRAN. ARKIN, JOAN BELMAR, TANJA BOS, ANNE BOUIE, MOLLY BROSE, LENNY CAMPELLO, MARY CHIARAMONTE, ANNA U. DAVIS, JENNY DAVIS, THOMAS DRYMON, STIRLING ELMENDORF, PAT GOSLEE, EMILY GREENE LIDDLE, LAUREL HAUSLER, EVE HENNESSA, J. FORD HUFFMAN, ROSALIND KENNEDY, MARK PARASCANDOLA, ANNELIESE SULLIVAN, MING YI SUNG ZALESKI, RUTH TREVARROW, CLAUDIA VESS, AND ELLYN WEISS

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Local restaurants COMMONWEALTH GASTROPUB, PETE'S NEW HAVEN STYLE APIZZA and RUMBEROS are offering dinner specials for the Stimulus audience on the night of the opening. RADIANCE MEDSPA, a neighborhood day spa, is also offering specials, and other local businesses are expected to sign up. Interested individuals can check the gallery's website, [www.nevinkellygallery.com](http://www.nevinkellygallery.com), for more information on participating businesses and their special offers.

The gallery is located half-a-block from the Columbia Heights Metro station on the Green Line, and all participating businesses are within a block or two of the Metro station.