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***OPENING NIGHT OF ART TO THE AVENUE
PROMISES TO BE A TRUE
CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS!
May 1, 5:30 to 8 pm***

Spring is here and so is *Art to the Avenue* - the Greenwich Arts Council's signature annual spring celebration of art, when Greenwich Avenue is turned into a strolling art gallery. This year *Art to the Avenue* will run from May 1 to May 26, and marks the 11th Anniversary of this eagerly anticipated program.

The opening night festivities for *Art to the Avenue* will begin on Thursday evening, May 1, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Thanks to the generous support of many local musicians, dancers, bands, singers and performers, not only will Greenwich Avenue become a strolling gallery, but stores, store fronts and pocket parks will play host to an amazing array of performers and performances.

This year some of the featured performers and groups on and off Greenwich Avenue include the Allegra Dance Company providing a cool hip hop dance demonstration; Grupo Latin Vibe, a sexy Afro-Cuban band; Kids Kabaret; singers and musicians like Anne Marie Menta, John Motay, Gary Novikoff, Irena Momchilova, Thalia Cokkinos, Porter Singer, and the Bows (a tight harmony group a la the Andrew Sisters) ; Flamenco guitarist Jose Ramos; jazz musicians Lee Metcalf, Natasha DiMarco, Russ Bowman, and the Tod Hedrick Trio; and quick sketch artist and poet Sir Shadow making quick on-the-spot portraits on the Avenue. The senior singing group the Silvertones will hold forth on the steps of the Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave, giving way to a demonstration of Japanese dancing from the Japan Society of Fairfield County, while strollers have a chance to visit Art to the Avenue's outdoor sculpture zoo by artist Dino Kotopoulos. But this is only a short list. Be on the look out for jazz, blue grass and classical musicians and singers, Charlie Von Holstein and his strolling ukulele, Acting Out with Ms. Karen, buskers, actors, and much more.

Don't forget, most of the participating retailers will be hosting special receptions allowing you the opportunity to meet the artist in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.
See you on May 1, 5:30 to 8:00!

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Further information is available by calling the Greenwich Arts Council at 203-862-6750 or by logging onto www.greenwicharts.org. The Greenwich Arts Council promotes the arts by nurturing artists and building audiences, bringing the arts to the community and the community to the arts.

