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**Greenwich Arts Council's Art to the Avenue
What A Month It Was!**

Art to the Avenue, the Greenwich Arts Council's annual celebration of the arts, has come to a close, and although sales are continuing, Greenwich Avenue is slowly losing its spring nomenclature as a "strolling gallery."

This was the 11th anniversary of Art to the Avenue and the Greenwich Arts Council is proud to announce that so far sales for this year's event have topped \$72,215, with over 40 artists selling a total of 100 works. Originally planned as a showcase for local emerging artists, Art to the Avenue has grown into a show that attracts artists from over 50 different cities and towns in the tri-state area, and art lovers - and shoppers - from all over Westchester and Fairfield County as well as New York City. The gala opening night festivities included over 22 different musicians, performers, dancers, bands, singers, and actors, and receptions in most of the participating retailer locations. Strong community support for Art to the Avenue made possible numerous related programs throughout May, including free drama and music performances, a Kids to the Avenue event, and workshops for participating artists on such subjects as photo-reproduction, artists' websites, and the business of art.

The Greenwich Arts Council thanks all the participating artists, retailers, sponsors, workshop instructors, performers, volunteers, and staff who contributed to the success of the 11th anniversary of Art to the Avenue. Art to the Avenue 2008 attracted more contributors from Greenwich's business community than ever before. In addition to long-time and generous underwriters (People's United Bank and Prudential Connecticut Realty), support this year came from Kristin and Francis Casale, Delamar Greenwich Harbor, NRDC Equity Partners, Design Within Reach, Thomas Henkelmann - Homestead Inn, Beam & Barre, Flow of Art Gallery, Richards, UBS Financial Services, Greenwich Magazine, Greenwich Time, Greenwich Post, WSTC Cox Radio, Le Wine Shop, Smart Kids' Toys, BCN News, and Village Bagels on the Avenue.

For information about the Greenwich Arts Council, Art to the Avenue, or other GAC programs, please call 203-862-6750 or log on to 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.

(photo: Saks window, Sally Davies photographer)