

# MYSTICARTSCENTER

CREATIVITY CULTURE COMMUNITY

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### **Annual Summer Fundraiser at the Mystic Arts Center**

**MYSTIC, CT – July 3, 2007** – The Mystic Arts Center will host its annual summer fundraiser, *Off the Wall*, on Friday, July 27. Festivities begin at 6:30 pm in the Center's spacious galleries and Mystic River terraces where guests can enjoy live jazz with the *Ian Kelly Trio* and artful fare by *Go Fish* restaurant.

Throughout the evening, over one hundred original works of art, hand-crafted jewelry, gift certificates to local shops and restaurants, and unique events and experiences will be up for bid in the silent auction. Then, at 8:30 pm, the live auction takes center stage in the Davis Gallery, punctuated by a raffle drawing for Dennis Serrine's original oil painting *Golden Hour*; a Long Island bed & breakfast getaway for two; and an overnight stay at the Norwich Inn & Spa.

The lively live auction includes a week-long getaway to Weston, Vermont at a 6-bedroom private vacation home; a personalized cocktail party with members of the Metropolitan Opera orchestra at the Mystic Arts Center; and original framed paintings by local artists Del-Bourree Bach, Gil Fahey, Guido Garaycochea, Pam Zagarenski, and Christopher Zhang.

Since its inception as the Mystic Art Association in 1913, the Mystic Arts Center has evolved into a diverse non-profit community resource which cultivates the arts in Southeastern Connecticut. The Center provides rotating exhibitions, art instruction, school arts programs, and a specialized venue for community and cultural events.

All proceeds from *Off the Wall* go towards the educational outreach, exhibitions and cultural programs the Mystic Arts Center provides the community. Tickets for the event are \$55 for members and \$75 for non-members and must be purchased before July 23 for the member rate. Raffle tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance or at the event. Please call the Mystic Arts Center at 860.536.7601 to reserve your ticket.

The Mystic Arts Center is grateful to the following generous event sponsors: Olde Mistick Village; JTK Management; AT&T; Lawrence & Memorial Hospital; Foxwoods Resort and Casino; and The Day newspaper.

The Mystic Arts Center's galleries and state-of-the-art studios are located at 9 Water Street in historic downtown Mystic. For further information, visit [www.mysticarts.org](http://www.mysticarts.org).

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