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The Art of Jazz Improvisation at the Mystic Arts Center

MYSTIC, CT – April 17, 2007 – On Saturday, May 12, the Mystic Arts Center will host an evening of improvisational jazz, wine, dessert and a one-night-only exhibition of paintings by local artist Denny Rivera.

Doors open for the Center's *The Art of Improvisation* concert and exhibit at 7 PM. The performance, held in the Davis Gallery, will highlight the playful artistry that improvisational music provides both listeners and musicians. The performance features the Ian Kelly Trio's Bill Groth on piano, Dave Daddario on double bass, and Ian Kelly on drums.

This unique event is part of the Mystic Arts Center's ongoing efforts to expand the arts and cultural offerings it provides the community. "We are thrilled to be able to bring other art forms such as jazz to the community. The Center galleries are a beautiful venue to feature talented local artists of all types including music, poetry and dance," says Executive Director Karen Barthelson.

During intermission, guests will have the opportunity to view Denny Rivera's vivid and layered oil paintings, which are being exhibited for this night only. Visitors may also walk through the Center's current gallery exhibits: *Red, White and Black* and the *Annual Elected Artist Show*.

Wine and an assortment of specialty desserts created by The Blue Door Restaurant of Mason's Island will be served along with non-alcoholic beverages.

Cost is \$18 in advance and \$23 at the door. Parking validation is provided. The Center is located at 9 Water Street in Historic Downtown Mystic. For further information about this event, please call (860) 536-7601 or visit www.mysticarts.org.

The Mystic Arts Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting culture, community, and the arts. Proceeds from the event go towards the Center's mission-based arts education, exhibitions and programming. The Center houses a state-of-the-art education center, five art galleries, and a permanent art collection.