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***OPENING NIGHT OF ART TO THE AVENUE
PROMISES TO BE A TRUE
CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS!
May 3, 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 3 to May 28, and marks the 10th Anniversary of this eagerly anticipated program.

The opening night festivities for *Art to the Avenue* will begin on Thursday evening, May 3, 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 include the Allegra Dance Company providing a cool hip hop dance demonstration; Grupo Latin Vibe, a sexy Afro-Cuban band, at Prudential CT Realty; Kids Kabaret, in front of Gap Kids; folk singers Anne Marie Menta and Porter Singer will perform at Duxiana and Vineyard Vines, respectively; Flamenco guitarist Jose Ramos will be featured in front of Georg Jensen; Airborne Jazz at Richards; high school rock band, the Knock Out Kings will play at William Raveis Real Estate on West Putnam; and roaming artist Mike Pannone will make quick on-the-spot portraits all along the Avenue. As in last year, the internationally renowned Celtic group, North Sea Gas will hold forth on the steps of the Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave, while people have a chance to visit Art to the Avenue's sculpture mascot, *Mr. Machine*, by artist Paolo Corvino. But this is only a short list. Be on the look out for jazz, blue grass and classical musicians and singers; Button and Bows (a tight harmony group a la the Andrew Sisters); 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 3, 5:30 to 8:00!

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Further information is available by calling the Greenwich Arts Council at 203-622-3998 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.

