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#### **Press Alert**

**What: August FIRST FRIDAY – Feelin’ Groovy**

**When: Friday, August 6, 2010 6-10 p.m.**

**Where: Canton’s Downtown Arts District**

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## **Feelin’ Groovy**

It’s time to don the tie-dyed shirt, the love beads and the laid back attitude of the 1970s, when horoscopes were hot and elephant bells were cool. Feelin’ Groovy, the theme of August 6 First Friday, will embrace the purple haze of a decade and fill it with funk, psychedelic experiences and way-out fun for the whole family – and everyone is encourage to wear flowers, peace symbols and LOVE, man.

Music will definitely be the backdrop of the evening, highlighted by Aquarius Rising, the Summer of Love Pop Orchestra (Studio 5 @ 8 p.m.) and Positively Fourth Street – playing rock and roll hits from 6-8 at the Foundations Center. Outdoor venues include the Canton Idol singers and NOCA – the 2010 Battle of the Bands finalist, performing at the Motter and Meadows lot (across from The Palace Theatre) from 6-10 p.m. Street favorites Denny Ott (Canton Repository); Tim Griffiths (Gasser Jewelers); Shar Wilton (4<sup>th</sup> and Court); Steve Sayre (SarahCare) and Thom Ebersole (Market and 4<sup>th</sup>) will be playing throughout the evening. While indoor venues host a variety of favorites including High Energy Band (Arcadia Grille); Adam Keeler (Anderson Creative); Soft Winds Jazz Duet (Second April) and many more.

Downtown Cats, the latest addition to the public art landscape, will be dedicated at 7:45 p.m. (between 5<sup>th</sup> street and Court Ave.) immediately following the Court Avenue Art Parade. Nearby, folks can visit “Marge’s Imagery,” a fiber art exhibit at Lynda Tuttle’s Art Education Center and the Art Wolfe exhibit, “Travels from the Edge,” still at the Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography. And, held over by popular demand, “Prologue: Origins of a Tale by Joseph Close” will remain at Anderson Creative.

Other art on exhibit includes work by Katie Balas (Julz by Alan Rodriquez); glass work and jewelry by Lindsey Wooten (The Red Ribbon Connection); and a new studio opening with artists Gene Barber, Bob Yost and Kiatina Parrot at 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Kids will get into the funkadelic spirit with hula hoping and a beaded headband project from Aultman’s Wellness of Wheels; a spin-art Frisbee project at Community One Credit Union; and a Feelin’ Groovy craft at A Place to Learn. The Canton Elite Silver Stars will perform baton and dance routines on Court Avenue and the Suga Babies will do their thing at the YMCA Teen Center.

U-to-the-minute information and the full program map for all of the music, art, and dining events for August 6 – Feelin’ Groovy! is available at the *official* First Friday website: [www.cantonfirstfriday.com](http://www.cantonfirstfriday.com). For more information on the August 6 event or to be a part of a future First Friday, call Sarah Shumaker 330-453-1075, ext. 207. First Friday is sponsored by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District in cooperation with ArtsInStark, the County Arts Council. \*