

DOWNTOWN KINGSTON! **IT'S THE REAL DEAL**

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Art After Dark – Thursday, May 27

By coincidence, on the same day that the City of Kingston is holding a public meeting on the Kingston Community Cultural Policy Plan (KCCPP), Kingston's downtown galleries will once again be opening their doors for an evening of great art. The galleries feature the work of artists from near and far, proving that you don't need to leave Kingston to have a rich cultural experience.

Art After Dark will begin at dusk (7pm) and will continue through to 10pm. Each gallery will offer light refreshments, great conversation and of course, compelling art. This time around the bi-annual event will showcase 14 galleries.

The event is pleased to welcome two new galleries to the group, ZEALmetal (190 Sydenham St.) and the newly opened Wellington Street Art Gallery (300 Wellington St.).

Sample Featured Artists:

At the Jamieson Gallery (342 Princess St)

Alfie Gillies: "What a fascinating man he is. His personal stories are brought to life in cartoon. Believe me these cartoons are just a tip of the iceberg. How excited I am to introduce him to the general public. Trust me you won't want to miss the chance to buy a book of his cartoons and meet him in person at Art After Dark," says gallery owner Jacqueline Jamieson.

In the State of Flux Gallery at Modern Fuel (21A Queen St.):

A Half Hour of Landscape Painting: 30 One-Minute Cereal Box Landscapes

Gary Michael Dault (Napanee, ON) presents a suite of thirty of his one-minute cereal box landscape paintings. He accomplishes each of his landscape paintings as he describes them, in one minute, using cereal box card stock as support, surface, and inspiration. A writer, artist and art critic, Dault has taught at a number of Canadian universities and has written for many newspapers and magazines including *Azure*, *Canadian Art*, *Toronto Life*, and the *Toronto Star*. His "Gallery Going" column appears every Saturday in *The Globe and Mail*.

Participating Galleries:

Black Dog Pottery	58 Queen St.
Cornerstone	255 Ontario St.
Dwell	207 Wellington St.
Earth To Spirit	340 King St. East
Frameworks Gallery	198 Princess St.
Gallery Raymond	334 Princess St.
Jamieson Gallery	342 Princess St.
Kingston Glass Studio & Gallery	56 Queen St.
Modern Fuel	21A Queen St.
Robert Macklin Gallery	20 Market St.
Studio 22 Open Gallery	320 King St. East
Sydenham Street Studios	178 Sydenham St.
Wellington Street Art Gallery	300 Wellington St.
ZEALmetal	190 Sydenham St.

More information, including a map of the galleries and artist profiles, is attached and can also be found at: www.downtownkingston.ca

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