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***East Bay Open Studios 2009 & Directory of East Bay Arts***

**Oakland, CA**

Pro Arts is pleased to announce this year's East Bay Open Studios (EBOS) event, an opportunity to visit artists' studios, meet artists, buy art, view artwork, and learn about the artistic process in neighborhoods across the East Bay.

**EVENT DATES**

**East Bay Open Studios**

Saturdays and Sundays,  
June 6 & 7 and 13 & 14, 11 AM–6PM  
Various locations across the East Bay

**EXHIBITION DATES**

**East Bay Open Studios Preview Exhibition**

Tuesday, May 5 – Sunday, June 14  
Pro Arts, 550 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oakland CA, 94607



During the first two weekends in June, June 6-7 and June 13-14, and throughout the year by appointment, East Bay Open Studios connects the public with over 400 artists in 14 cities in the East Bay. Since 1979, this event remains the largest art event in the region and draws an annual audience over 50,000!

How to plan your studio tour:

- Pick up a copy of the Directory of East Bay Arts, the event publication that profiles participating artists and includes maps, an East Bay Arts Index of local arts organizations, galleries, venues and artist groups, and the 12 month East Bay Arts Calendar. Directories are available at Pro Arts and will be distributed in the June 3 issue of the East Bay Express.
- Go to the Preview Exhibition that showcases one artwork from each of the over 400 participating artists. The Exhibition runs from Tuesday, May 5 through Sunday, June 14 at the Pro Arts Gallery: 550 Second Street, off of Oakland's Jack London Square.
- Get on the Bus! Ride the Brake for Art Tour: Art Bus Preview, Friday, June 5 departing from Pro Arts. More information below.
- Pick-up Artists' invitations and announcements.
- Follow open studio street signs and banners on event days.
- Log on to the Pro Arts Online Gallery at [www.proartsgallery.org](http://www.proartsgallery.org) for all your 2009 East Bay Open Studios information, listings, maps and more! Each participating artist has a fully searchable personalized webpage with image gallery.



**NEW IN 2009:** Pro Arts invites critics, writers, and gallerists to curate their own tours, and offers attendees a new starting point for their East Bay Open Studios experience. These suggested tour itineraries will be available at Pro Arts and online at [www.proartsgallery.org](http://www.proartsgallery.org)

### **ADDITIONAL EVENTS**

**EBOS Preview Gala and Benefit - June 4, 6 - 8 PM.** Come celebrate East Bay arts through a formal and festive evening sponsored by Luka's Tap Room, Franklin Wine Bar, and Oaktown Jazz Workshop. Tickets: \$55 General | \$100 Sponsor (includes one admittance to Gala and Brake for Art Tour) Available in advance and at the door, online or by phone at 510.763.4361.

**Brake for Art Tour: Art Bus Preview - June 5, 6 - 9 PM.** Join us for an exciting and unique bus tour featuring select artists from East Bay Open Studios. This event offers private previews of artists' studios, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Advance tickets are available at \$75 per person. Proceeds from this event will benefit Pro Arts' annual programs. Tickets available online or by phone at 510.763.4361.

### **About Pro Arts**

Pro Arts is a nonprofit artist-based organization that supports the diverse cultural communities in the East Bay by exhibiting artists' work and providing a venue for furthering communication in the arts. Last year Pro Arts exhibited 580 artists, presented 15 exhibitions and produced 53 events in Oakland. Pro Arts events draw an annual audience of 65,000.

Pro Arts is located at 550 Second Street, Oakland CA, 94607. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, Noon - 6 PM; and Sunday, Noon - 5 PM. Admission is free.

More information and images are available upon request. Contact David Huff, Exhibitions and Programs Coordinator. Phone: 510/763-4361. E-mail: [david@proartsgallery.org](mailto:david@proartsgallery.org).

Image: f Michael Wells, *Fire & Ice*, 16"x 20", Oil/Board, Courtesy of the artist

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