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### **Downtown Hollywood ArtWalk Goes to the Dogs on June 20**

HOLLYWOOD, FL – June 5, 2009 – Historic Downtown Hollywood is going to the dogs on Saturday, June 20th with canine-friendly festivities during the free monthly ArtWalk event and at the Dogs of Summer festival in the ArtsPark at Young Circle.

The 2000 block of Harrison Street will be closed to vehicular traffic during ArtWalk, providing plenty of room for strolling with your favorite four-footed friend or dancing in the streets to the lively sounds of JP Soars and The Red Hots. The International Blues Challenge winner will present a free concert from 7 to 10 p.m. on the balcony of Harrison Court at 2028 Harrison Street.

Canines and their human companions are welcome to enjoy outdoor doggy dining at one of Downtown Hollywood's many restaurants and cafés, or commemorate the occasion with a portrait or sketch of you and your pup by one of the outdoor artists who will set up shop on the sidewalk during the event hours. ArtWalk showcases the works of local, regional and international artists from 7 to 10 p.m. every third Saturday along with the Historic Downtown Hollywood's art galleries, studios, unique shops and restaurants.

In addition to the wide variety of artwork on display and available for purchase, ArtWalk features live entertainment and complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres at galleries and participating businesses throughout the Downtown District. Pick up a free guided map of art galleries and participating businesses at the Comfort Zone Studio & Spa in the Harrison Court building, 2028 Harrison Street, Suite #1.

ArtWalk, which is presented by the City of Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) - Downtown District, will follow on the heels of the Dogs of Summer festival opening that afternoon in the ArtsPark at Young Circle. The free two-day event will feature wading pools and sprinklers for well-behaved, leashed dogs, as well as pet-related presentations and vendors, pooch portraiture photos, a demonstration by South Florida's AirK9z, live music, a bounce house, children's interactive art tent, sidewalk chalk art, an exhibition by artist Runcie Tatnall and appearances by Tillamook "Tillie" Cheddar, a Jack Russell terrier who is widely regarded as the world's preeminent canine artist.

The Dogs of Summer, which is produced by the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood and sponsored by the Downtown CRA, will be presented from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20 and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21 at the ArtsPark at Young Circle, Hollywood Boulevard and U.S. 1. Sunday's festivities will include live music, a blessing of the animals, pet storytelling and origami, and free admission to pet-themed gallery exhibitions at the Art and Culture Center. Call 954-921-3274 or visit [www.ArtandCultureCenter.org](http://www.ArtandCultureCenter.org) for more details.

For a listing of special offers and information on ArtWalk or other Downtown Hollywood events, call the Downtown CRA at 954-921-3016 or visit [www.downtownhollywood.com](http://www.downtownhollywood.com).

The Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created under the authority of Florida's Community Redevelopment Act of 1969. The CRA's mission is to encourage economic development through the use of tax increment financing by funding development, special projects and enhanced services that address areas of community concern. The Downtown District was established in 1979 to promote Hollywood's central business district including Historic Hollywood Boulevard, Young Circle and nearby residential neighborhoods. The Downtown District is approximately 580 acres and extends from 22nd Avenue on the west to generally 17th Avenue on the east, Johnson Street on the north and Washington Street on the south.

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