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Silver Anniversary Spring Art Show at the Pier Brooklyn Artists Celebrate 25 Years of Creative Community

What began as an idea sparked by a handful of visionaries more than two decades ago has become the forerunner and a salvation of the ever burgeoning fine art center that is Brooklyn. Committing itself to the community and its residents, BWAC has grown to become the largest artist-run, not-for-profit fine arts organization in all of New York City. And now, 25 years in the making, the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition will launch the first of three free exhibitions celebrating BWAC's Silver Anniversary. The Grand Opening is on Saturday, May 7th.

The BWAC Pier Show has long been considered a not-to-miss event by collectors, curators and art enthusiasts alike. Over 300 established and emerging artists are represented by more than 1500 works of art housed in a 25,000 sq ft historic Civil War-era warehouse gallery space. Here you will enjoy a beautiful harbor view, fresh sea air, and a line of sight to the Statue of Liberty. The 25th Anniversary Show will run on weekends, from May 7 to June 18th, noon to 6:00 PM.

Opening day events will include:

- A Meet the Artists reception
- A performance by members of the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra.
- An appearance by our Honorary Chairman, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

Deeply rooted in the cultural mosaic of the Brooklyn arts scene, BWAC is unique in its commitment to our diverse community. It is widely inclusive, providing a lively venue for metropolitan area artists in every medium to showcase

their work. Professional and casual collectors all look forward to our yearly shows because they know they can purchase art directly at artist prices. And many anticipate the outright

bargains found at our silent auction, which runs through June 18th. For this Silver Anniversary Show, BWAC has made a special effort to present former members spanning its 25 year history to create a true representation of the Brooklyn art world and the impact that BWAC has made upon it.

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Some very special events are planned:

- May 14-15 - Park Slope Open Studio Tour,
- May 21-22 - Artists Speak Weekend
- May 28 - Battle of the Brooklyn Bands
- June 4 - Red Hook Waterfront Arts Festival
- June 4-5 - Cobble Hill/Carroll Gardens/Red Hook Open Studio Weekend
- June 11 - Creative Art Therapy Day

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Location and Directions: 25th Anniversary Art Show at the Pier is located at 499 Van Brunt, Brooklyn.

Both the B77 (G and F Train to Smith/9th) and the B61 (A and F Train to Jay Street) buses go to Van Brunt Street (last stop). A free shuttle bus is available from Smith-9th St. station on Opening Day,

Approximately 20 minutes by car from downtown Manhattan: Brooklyn Bridge becomes Adam Street, make a right onto Atlantic Avenue, left onto Columbia Street, right onto Degraw, left onto Van Brunt and continue on Van Brunt to end. From Brooklyn: Northwest on Hamilton Ave., make a left onto Van Brunt. Continue on Van Brunt to end.

Parking is available.

Biking is a breeze