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Galleries Enhance Cachet of Loft Tour

Seven galleries will be opening their doors and hosting receptions in conjunction with the second annual Castleberry Hill Loft Tour, Oct. 11 & 12, 2003. "The lofts alone are reason enough to come, but we'll also be Atlanta's premier art destination that weekend," said Bill Bounds, co-chair of the organizing committee. "We are thrilled to have three great Buckhead galleries taking part in this, reinforcing the growing art scene in Castleberry Hill."

Three galleries anchor the blossoming arts district. Skot Foreman Fine Art (www.skotforeman.com) offers a rare opportunity to see over 80 original drawings, hand-signed prints and watercolors in the museum-quality exhibition *M.C. Escher: His Life and Work*, which has received regional acclaim and a visit from Graham Nash of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. 3TEN Haustudio (www.haustudio.com) presents a two-day exhibit *Art of the Craft: Custom Mission Furniture in the Style of Stickley, Roycroft & Limbert* featuring handcrafted pieces by Robert Hause, along with photography, fiber arts, and Navajo weaving exhibits. Ty Stokes Gallery (www.tystokes.com) is showing *Lloyd Benjamin: New Work, Atlanta*; an emerging young artist working with abstract painting on found paper.

Joining the impromptu festival are three of Atlanta's well-known art purveyors in temporary digs: Fay Gold Gallery (www.faygoldgallery.com) will review contemporary trends in art, emphasizing manipulation of space, alternative processes, provocative use of light, surreal settings, experiments in scale, and social commentary; and Marcia Wood Gallery (www.marciawoodgallery.com) displays a dynamic selection of painting and sculpture by a diverse group of emerging to internationally established artists that embodies the excitement of discovery and inspiration. In addition, Kubatana Moderne (www.kubatana.com) is presenting a selection of furniture and art representative of its interior design philosophy, a fusion of elements from Africa and Asia with the contemporary western aesthetic. The Granite Room (www.bighouseatlanta.com), a recently renovated event space in Castleberry Hill, will be exhibiting original paintings, photography and sculpture.

All the gallery spaces will be open at no charge during the hours of the Tour; each gallery has its own hours and events scheduled on Saturday evening. "We hope people stay past the Tour

closing on Saturday to have dinner and go gallery-hopping. This neighborhood has a great urban energy at night, and it should be a fabulous experience,” Bounds said.

This year's Loft Tour includes the actual working studios of two artists and a photographer. Ranging in size from 1500 to 4000+ square feet, eight authentic lofts exemplify the amazing diversity of the people and properties of historic Castleberry Hill.. Tour hours are 11:00 am–5:00 pm on Saturday and 12 noon–5:00 pm on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 per person on the days of the Tour. \$12 advance tickets are available on-line at www.myArtsCard.com (additional discount for ArtsCard members). **Free parking** is provided courtesy of Fulton Supply Company. Castleberry Hill is a short walk from the Georgia Dome/Philips MARTA station. For more information about the Loft Tour, please visit www.castleberryhill.org.