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# OPEN STUDIOS

**Saturday, May 17 2008 12 pm -5pm**

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**ESTABLISHING YONKERS as the next Contemporary Arts Community**

**Location: YOHO ART STUDIOS**

**578/540 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers, NY**

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for individual statements from artists and visual material, or to set up interviews.

Or, call (914) 476 – 6961, or visit [www.yohoartists.com](http://www.yohoartists.com) for more info and directions.

For renting work loft space, call George Huang at (212) 317- 1423 ext 601 / Zuki Pjetrovic (917) 682 - 5172

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The YOHO Arts Association, twenty-five artists and craftsmen (painters, sculptors, etchers, jewelers photographers, illustrators, assemblage artists, and more) have a new partner for their 5th annual YOHO ARTS OPEN STUDIOS: their landlord, Mr George Huang of Nepperhan Heights Associates, LLC.

Mr. Huang recently purchased the building, a 100-year old historic former home of the Alexander Smith Carpet Mills. Huang's goal is that YOHO Artist Studios will become a significant county-wide and regional arts center. Huang states "For this show, my office is providing logistical, organization and publicity support for the artists and this event. We have every confidence that we will have a large increase in attendance from prior years with possibly 1,000 attendees this year. Twenty-five more artists' studios on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor that will be ready this summer."

Every spring, the OPEN STUDIOS gives the public an opportunity to actually see where the art is made. Art enthusiasts and their families are encouraged to attend. In the studios' relaxed atmosphere, the public will have a chance to discover that art is much more accessible than they thought. They will be able to interact with the artists and familiarize themselves with their creative process, materials and the varied range of works. Visitors may purchase artwork directly from the artists without entering the sometimes intimidating setting of commercial galleries, even though the artists are gallery-affiliated, have been exhibited internationally and are part of many collections in the United States and abroad.

In the last decades, the scarcity of affordable studio space has driven artists from SoHo and Chelsea. Yonkers, which is experiencing a Renaissance, is home to a thriving artist community. YOHO Artist Studios is the largest professional art community in the area.

**PARTICIPATING ARTISTS:** Tracy Allan, Elizabeth Bisbing, Louise Cadoux, Richard Costellana, Elizabeth DeBethune, David Fischweicher, Luis Fonseca, Ginny Fox, Michelle Frick, Marko Gosar, George Guti rrez, Barbara King, Michael Konrad, Desiree Koslin, Lanny Lasky, Judith Lavendar, Diane Mitchell, Carole Naggar, Joel Neff, Amy Pasco, Melanie Roher, Victor Rothman, Nat Shapiro, Kathleen Spicer, Kim Swink, Paulo Suzuki