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Greetings:

In this unprecedented addendum to the Idaho Writer's Update, we are bringing to your attention the following information. We hope to see many Idaho writers benefit from this outstanding opportunity.

Please note the application deadline is less than 3 weeks away.

Sincerely,

Betty Rodgers

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8th Street Marketplace Begins Artists-in-Residence Program Local artists invited to apply for free studio space in the heart of BoDo

DOWNTOWN BOISE, Idaho - In the heart of Boise's cultural district, 8th Street Marketplace @ BoDo is launching a first-of-its-kind program to support and promote local artists. The 8th Street Marketplace AiR program - Artists in Residence - will provide free studio spaces for emerging and established artists.

"We are dedicated to creating a vibrant destination for creativity in our community," said Ephraim Greenwall, 8th Street Marketplace developer. "The AiR program will not only support the expression of our talented local artists, but provide an opportunity for the community to enjoy and experience their work."

Residency spaces will be offered to Idaho artists for three-month blocks of time starting in early 2009, with no space rental fee for the selected artists-a significant value in the downtown retail marketplace. Up to three residencies will be available during each quarter. Artists of any discipline-painters, writers, filmmakers, dancers, poets, musicians-are encouraged to apply.

The 8th Street Marketplace AiR program is sponsored by the ownership of 8th Street Marketplace @ BoDo and the *Boise Weekly*, and is facilitated in partnership with Boise City's Department of Arts & History.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for local artists, both emerging artists with great promise and established artists with proven track records," said Karen Bubb, Boise Department of Arts & History Public Art Manager. "These are the types of public private partnerships that we embrace and encourage; investment in the talent of home-grown artists for the benefit of the community at large."

The AiR studios will be open to the public on First Thursdays so that the community can interact with the artists and experience their new work. This will be Boise's first ever Artist-in-Residence program. Artists will be asked to leave one work behind for a gallery/archive of the Artists-in-Residence.

To Apply for AiR: Artists interested in participating will **apply by January 20th** with a letter of interest, resume with art practice history (past exhibitions, performances, publications), work sample (up to ten digital images on a CD, manuscript under five pages, sample music clip or short video/dvd of performance), and letter of recommendation. A selection panel facilitated by Boise's Department of Arts & History will choose artists for up to three residencies February 1 - April 24 and up to three more for May 1 - July 24.

For the Call for Artists visit www.cityofboise.org/CityGovernment/ArtsandHistory

Applications can be submitted at

Karen Bubb, Public Arts Manager
Boise City Department of Arts & History
PO Box 500
Boise, ID 83701-0500

Or Deliver to: Karen Bubb, Public Arts Manager

Boise City Department of Arts & History
Boise City Hall
150 N. Capitol Boulevard
First Floor, Building Two

About 8th Street Marketplace @ BoDo

As Downtown Boise's original shopping destination, 8th Street Marketplace @ BoDo harkens back to the neighborhood's industrial and historical roots while showcasing its unique character. The Marketplace recently underwent a \$1.5 million extensive urban renewal overhaul of the interior and exterior to add functionality and beauty. Through attracting leading class local retailers, dynamic culinary and entertainment offerings, and passionate emerging businesses - the developers aspire to establish 8th Street Marketplace as the home for high-tech and creative class companies and as a destination shopping experience for the Valley. The development team behind 8th Street is a joint venture between Talcott Holdings, Presidio Development Partners and Erstad Architects.