

# CENTRETOWN ART TOUR



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## Take a Walk and Discover: Ottawa's 3rd *Centretown Art Tour* (CAT) on September 13th, 2009

**Ottawa, Ontario** – A group of downtown Ottawa artists invites the curious to prowl through their homes and studios during the third annual *Centretown Art Tour* (CAT). This one-day only self-guided tour will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2009, from 10am to 5pm. Tours are free and many works will be for sale.

A preview show will be held at the Shanghai Restaurant (651 Somerset) throughout the month of September, with a CAT kick-off party on Thursday, September 3rd, from 6pm to 10pm.

After the success of the edition of the CAT in 2007 and 2008, the experience is being happily repeated. During the tour, visual artists, of a wide variety of media, will be opening up their creative spaces for guests to explore.

**Anna Kempffer-Hossack** reanimates fragments of broken ceramics to produce tactile pieces, which convey nostalgia through colour and texture. **Ellen Sloan** works in porcelain clay, accenting her pieces with glaze, terra sigillata and gold lustre. **Tina Tolgyesy** is an artist who pushes the limits of traditional pastry and confectionery arts to create unusual and beautiful edible sculptural forms. **Jenn Farr**'s brightly hued encaustic paintings are medium-driven. **Pamela Lawler**'s Hybrid Handmades recycle and reinvent meaning mixing unexpected and 'historial' materials (fabric, acrylic paint, stuffing, re-purposed canvases). **Cynthia O'Brien**'s sculptures explore the workings of human relationships, the forces which attract and repel us. **Sherry Garcia** paints fictional portraits rich in character, emotion and a sense of playfulness using a blend of autobiography and storytelling. In addition to her work as a film maker, **Pixie Cram**, bases her drawings, using pen, ink and pastel, on narratives with plots and concepts drawn from science fiction and fantasy stories. Charming and nature inspired – trees and animals are fundamental to **Nicole Beaumont**'s colourful multi-layered acrylic paintings. **Tom Evans** is a photographer who has a passion for portraiture. **Meaghan Haughian**'s mixed-media drawings explore the formation of identity through intimate tales of emotion, personal history and the dualities present in life. Using various media including paint, graphite and collage, **Natasha Beaudin** creates drawings that reference the body and geography. **Stuart Lanctôt Kinmond** is a full-time visual artist working with paint and digital media, whose art begins where architecture ends. **Mary Ellis** is a mixed media artist whose work centers around surreal and fantastic characters and their distorted connections to their environments. Her technique blends vivid colours and subtle details with more raw, grotesque qualities.

The tour will be an easy walk – or an even easier bike ride. Visitors to the area will also enjoy a closer look at the heritage architecture and unique local shops. The studios and homes on the tour are all within the following geographical limits: Laurier to the North, Gladstone to the South, Lyon to the East, Bronson to the West.

For more information, visit the CAT website at [www.catwalkottawa.ca](http://www.catwalkottawa.ca)

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