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Norman's 2nd Friday Art Walk Welcomes a New Gallery in November

NORMAN, Okla. —Norman Arts Council's *Second Friday Circuit of Art* of November welcomes a new gallery at Re-Run Junction, as well as arts activities in the OU Arts District as a part of OU's Campus Activities Council Family Weekend. The art walk is from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at art galleries throughout Norman.

The arts loop is a monthly Cleveland Area Rapid Transit route that connects the Downtown Arts District with outlying galleries; performance halls and Campus Corner to accompany an art walk the second Friday of each month. Second Friday doubles as an inexpensive family outing or an inexpensive date—perfect for a beautiful November evening.

For only 50 cents per ride or \$2 for the whole evening, visitors can park and hop on a CART trolley at Republic Bank & Trust on the corner of Main Street and University Boulevard, or any other stop on the route, and visit participating art galleries and organizations from 6 to 10 p.m. CART riders can get on or off at any of the multiple stops throughout the evening.

Second Friday is excited to announce the addition of the Re-Run Art Gallery, located at 325 E. Comanche St., this month. The gallery is located inside of Re-Run Junction, a non-profit thrift store run and maintained by developmentally disabled adults. The store, which usually sells a variety of items, has just opened the gallery, featuring local artists with and without disabilities. The store and gallery owners want to provide a space for people with disabilities to do the things that most people think they can't, while helping them to learn life skills needed to be a part of working society. Please call 405-321-2385 for more information on the gallery or store.

As OU will be celebrating CAC Family Weekend, the campus will be alive with the arts during Second Friday. The Lightwell Gallery will show the Graduate Exhibition featuring works of upcoming graduate students. The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus will offer hands-on art activities, live music and a short film by the deadCENTER Film Festival.

Additionally, the OU School of Music presents the *University Chamber Singers*, the *OU Juggernaut Tuba Quartet* and the *Oklahoma Contemporary Movement* in the Sandy Bell Gallery of the Fred Jones Museum. Admission is free all evening, and visitors can see two new exhibitions, *Sooners in the Land of Enchantment: Oklahoma Artists and New Mexico* and *The Creative Eye: Selections from the Carol Beesley Collection of Photographs*.

The Performing Arts Studio will have live demos by artist Cecil Lee at 7:15 and 8:15 during the art walk. Lee, a University of Oklahoma professor emeritus of art, has long been known for large-scale kinetic sculptures and fiber art frames. Lee retired from OU in 1988 after 29 years of teaching, where he served as director of what is now known as the School of Art and Art History. For more information, contact 405-307-9320.

Of course, these are just a few of the events taking place during the Second Friday Circuit of Art. Other free activities and openings are scheduled by members of the Norman Gallery Association and its supporting organizations throughout the night.

A complete list of each participating gallery and member of the Norman Gallery Association, as well as a CART map for the evening and instructions for riding, is available online at www.normangalleryassociation.com.

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