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March 13 Circuit of Art Features Local Exhibitions, Music

NORMAN – Art exhibitions, live entertainment, guest artists and much more will be featured as the Norman Arts Council presents the *Second Friday Circuit of Art*.

Created by the Norman Arts Council, the new arts loop is a monthly Cleveland Area Rapid Transit route that connects the Downtown Arts District, outlying galleries, performance halls and Campus Corner to accompany an art walk every second Friday of the month. This month's circuit continues Friday, March 13, for an evening of attractions.

For only 50 cents per ride or \$2 for the whole evening, visitors can hop on a CART trolley at the Old Town Centre on Main Street in front of the Cellar and Copelin's, 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.

"The *Second Friday Circuit of Art* is a great way to showcase artists in our Norman community and create yet another tourist attraction that can benefit all of Norman," said Christian Pitt, Norman Gallery Association chairperson. "Working with the CART to create a veritable 'tour trolley' for Norman creates a novel form of inexpensive entertainment for families and adults, promotes sustainable transportation, educates people about mass transit and unifies the town by allowing folks to ride from place to place without missing an event."

Many galleries will be open throughout the evening, with most featuring free admission, live entertainment and other activities.

As part of its new *Art "à la CART"* series, the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus will offer hands-on printmaking art activities, live music and a short film by the deadCENTER Film Festival from 6 to

9 p.m. In conjunction with NormanMusicScene.com, the museum will host the acoustic Singer/Songwriter Showcase with local bluesman Daddy Love, Norman folk rocker Michael Bendure and alternative/folk singer Dave Thompson.

Sonder Music, Dance & Art, at 225 E. Gray St., will open a new exhibition, *Nursery Rhymes – Handpulled Prints of Meng Sun*, with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m.

“We are so excited about exhibiting Meng Sun’s print work,” said owner Lauren Sonder. “The title is *Nursery Rhymes* because the work depicts the imagination and daydreams of children. Many of the pieces were conceived as illustrations for children’s books.”

A special reception at Tribes 131 Fine Art & Gift Gallery at 131 24th Ave. NW will welcome artist and book illustrator Murv Jacob and jeweler/silversmith Heidi Bigknife.

MAINSITE Contemporary Art at 122 E. Main St. will present a book signing with photographer Todd Stewart beginning at 5 p.m., a special talk with artist Steve Breerwood in conjunction with his exhibition at 7 p.m. and live music by Anvil Salute at 9.

Dozens of 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 member, as well as a CART map for the evening and instructions for riding, is available online at www.normangalleryassociation.com.

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CUTLINE

Southwest Oklahoma-based singer/songwriter Dave Thompson is scheduled to perform from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art during the Second Friday Circuit of Art. Multiple art galleries and organizations throughout the Norman Downtown Arts District and Campus Corner will offer exhibitions, live entertainment and other activities throughout the evening.