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IN ONE MONTH, NEWARK ARTS' DOORS ARE OPEN! OPEN DOORS CITYWIDE ARTS FESTIVAL 2017 ARRIVES OCTOBER 12th

New programming and three premium events, to round out the weekend

Newark, NJ - September 12, 2017 - October means the Open Doors Citywide Arts Festival! In just one month, Newark Arts will celebrate sixteen years of Open Doors by providing unparalleled access to a bevy of cultural institutions, diverse artist studios and rich creative programming in New Jersey's largest city. From October 12th through 15th, 2017 attendees will enjoy a complete schedule of exhibits, pop ups, nightly gallery crawls, open artist studios and more, organized by date and location in the city ("Cluster") for ease of access. Along with brand new programming featuring some of the biggest names in the art world, Newark Arts will host premium events for those stakeholders that are interested in getting a more exclusive experience, at a great price.

Featured programming includes:

Media and Buyers Preview and Mayor's Reception (by invitation only), Wednesday, October 11, 2017, Newark Museum, 49 Washington St., Newark

Press and media are invited to join Newark Arts and select art buyers at a private preview tour of Open Doors. The tour will conclude at the "Welcome to Newark" Opening Reception hosted by Mayor Ras J. Baraka, featuring a Berkeley College-sponsored fashion presentation by designer, Marco Hall. By invitation only and space is limited. Buyer RSVP opens on September 20th at newarkarts.org/opendoors. For media access, please email lauren.craig@newarkarts.org.

First Time in Newark featuring Danny Simmons, Thursday, October 12, 2017, 9 pm to midnight, 65 Sussex Ave, Newark

The University Heights Cluster will come alive during an Opening Reception for a solo exhibit by the internationally renowned artist, Danny Simmons, in his Newark debut. Free with RSVP. Visit newarkarts.org/opendoors beginning on September 12th to register.

M&T Bank Murals and Martinis™... and Music! A Public Art Tour, Saturday, October 14, 2017, 11 am to 3 pm

Take a VIP tour bus ride with a Newark Arts vibe! See an amazing array of public art while enjoying light bites and "adult" sippy cups en route. We'll end with a post-tour cocktail reception and sneak preview of the GRAMMY Museum Experience Prudential Center before it even opens! Early bird tickets are just \$75. Visit newarkarts.org/opendoors beginning on September 14th to purchase.

Open Doors Kids, Saturday, October 14th, 2017, 10 am to 3 pm

The newest initiative of Newark Arts' mission to power the arts to transform lives, Open Doors Kids is a guide to programming that will engage youth and families through age-appropriate arts and cultural activities. Complete schedule to be announced!

Sound + Bombing. Music. Art. Skate, Saturday, October 14th, 2017, noon to 5 pm

The first annual Open Doors Sound+Bombing event is where art meets skate culture! Hosted in partnership with the Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District, this event will be held at a secret location to be announced to those who RSVP. Visit newarkarts.org/opendoors beginning on September 14th to register.

Newark Arts presents A Conversation With..., Sunday, October 15, 2017, 10 am to 12 pm, Gateway Project Spaces, 2 Gateway Center, Newark

Get inspired at a moderated conversation with an internationally renowned artist, special to Newark and Open Doors. Tickets are just \$45. Visit newarkarts.org/opendoors beginning on September 14th to purchase.

Glambassador Passport

Four nights. Four clusters. Four unique guided experiences. Hop from amazing galleries and art venues to the city's top bars and lounges, all while experiencing entertainment, lively conversation and laughs alongside Newark's Creative Class. A different itinerary every night! WEEKLONG BAR CRAWL PASSPORT \$75. CRAWL BY DAY \$20. Visit newarkarts.org/opendoors beginning on September 14th to purchase.

Don't miss the most exciting Open Doors Citywide Arts Festival yet!

About Open Doors Citywide Arts Festival (Open Doors): Open Doors, Newark Arts' signature celebration of the arts, will take place from October 12-15, 2017 in Newark, New Jersey. Over four inspiring days, Newark's bustling arts scene will explode with an awe-inspiring array of exhibits, screenings, workshops, artist talks, performances, open studios and more! Stay tuned to newarkarts.org/opendoors for a complete schedule of events and follow Newark Arts at [Facebook.com/newartarts](https://www.facebook.com/newartarts), [Twitter: @newark_arts](https://twitter.com/newark_arts) and [IG: @newark](https://www.instagram.com/newark).

About Newark Arts (formerly Newark Arts Council): Newark Arts' mission is to power the arts to transform the lives of those who work, live and play in the great city of Newark, New Jersey. Established in 1981, Newark Arts was created to advance and expand the resources and offerings of arts and cultural organizations in the great city of Newark, New Jersey. Newark Arts provides leadership, direction, and technical assistance through partnerships with Newark's many artists, arts administrators, community organizations, community development corporations, planning groups, economic development agencies, and government agencies as well as the general public. For more information, visit www.newarkarts.org.



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