



Artist Calls Cleveland His Home

Interview with Damian Venditti



I grew up in Medina, 30 minutes south of downtown, and always considered Cleveland to be my home. I live and work in Tower Press, a building full of creative people. The space allows art to be seamless from the rest of my life.

My focus is surreal oil paintings and sculpture. My paintings are rooted in anthropology or dreams. I sculpt in clay, wood, or metals. I'm currently creating a series of metal sculptures, the larger series being free forms and a smaller series being helmets.



I work for Jakprints, a premier print shop in Cleveland. It is an amazing place to work as many of the employees are artists as well.

In the summer I teach children ages 4-15 how to skateboard. The Public Square Group, a Cleveland non-profit organization is dedicated to Skateboarding, Art and Civics in our Neighborhoods.

Save the Date: Tower Press Artists at the Red Space Gallery, 2400 Superior, May 22nd (5 -9 pm)
Dana Depew, Curator

ASC: How could Cleveland improve living for artists?

DV: It would be great to see more live/work space opportunities like Tower Press that participate in studio tours - and an Art District Maker Space in Cleveland to encourage experimentation.

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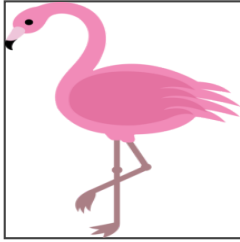
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Flamingo Fever in Parma, Ohio

Call to Artists



Old World Parma is sponsoring **Flamingo Fever**, a public art exhibition to celebrate Parma's cultural diversity. Artists, as well as local citizens, are welcome to apply their talent and creativity to decorate a flamingo sculpture to create a unique piece of public art.

The flamingos will be placed at various locations in Parma throughout the summer and then offered for auction at a banquet.

[CLICK HERE to fill out an application and join the fun!](#)

Questions? Contact Terri Snider at sniderta@mcosm.net or Kathryn Mabin at kathrynmabin@att.net

Artists Looking for Space

- Sparrow Art Gallery in Lodi wants to move their *fair trade* crafts gallery to Cleveland at a location with more foot traffic. They are at West 78th Studios - once a month.
- Senior Citizen and Artist, recently moved to Cleveland, needs to connect with other artists.
- Event Planner looking for interesting artist studio locations for weddings and other events.
- Artist working at home needs a studio space to do acrylic painting on clothing, tennis shoes, etc. He could work out something with a landlord in exchange for rent.
- Artist trying to open an art studio to work with persons that are in some kind of recovery and or disabled. (I am a cancer survivor and jumping into my own art work during the hard times really helped me out.)

Studio/Retail Space Available

[The Roy Group \(216\) 696-1402](#)

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[Hamilton Building \(216\) 374-3982](#)

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Chad Jones cjones@dscdo.org

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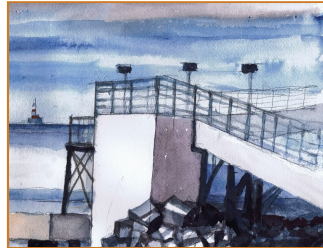
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Artist sublet (200 sq. ft. work-only)

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THINK SPRING!



ArtSpace-Cleveland's mission is to connect artists with studio spaces to live, work and create in a vibrant artist community.