



## STUTZ ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

### **Two local artists selected for prestigious Stutz Residency Program**

#### ***Residency is among largest grants to an individual artist in Indiana***

INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 26, 2009) – Local artists Lydia Burris and Patrick Flaherty have been selected as the 2009-2010 Stutz Residents, which entitles them to free studio space and utilities in the Stutz Building for one year. Valued at \$6,000 per artist, the residency is one of the largest grants to an individual artist in the state.

Burris, 29, is an emerging Indianapolis artist. She is a mixed-media painter and illustrator. In 2005, she received an MFA from the Norwich School of Art and Design in Norwich, England. She received a BA from Indiana University-Bloomington with a double major in Fine Arts and "Illustration of Mythology," a study through the Independent Major Program. Burris has been pursuing her art career in Indianapolis since 2007, showing in exhibits at Dean Johnson Gallery, Broad Ripple Art and Design, Big Car Gallery, Harrison Art Center, and the Wheeler Arts Community. She has also participated in events such as Art vs. Art and Masterpiece in a Day. She is the recipient of the 2009 Visual Fringe People's Choice award.

Flaherty, 29, is a painter and printmaker with a Masters of Art and Bachelor's of Fine Art from Ball State University. He is head of the printmaking department at the Indianapolis Art Center as well as the exhibitions associate. Flaherty's work has been exhibited at the Indianapolis Art Center, Wug Laku's Studio and Garage, Studio One (Murphy Building), Ashland Gallery and more.

Funding for the residency program comes from proceeds from the association's annual open house. The 2010 Stutz Studio Open House is April 23 and 24. In addition to the open house, the association hosts monthly First Friday events at the Stutz Art Space Gallery and a holiday show on Nov. 20.

Since its inaugural year in 1996, the residency program has provided in-kind contributions of more than \$102,000 to 17 local artists. Previous residents include Mark Pack, William Denton Ray, Jay Parnell, Kate Oberreich, Kevin Smola, Stephanie Robertson, Larry Endicott, Ginny Taylor Rosner, David Kleeman, Kyle Ragsdale, Susan Watt Grade, Emily Kennerk and Greg Hull.

#### **About the Stutz Artists Association**

The Stutz Artists Association is one of the largest associations of working artists in Indiana. It exists to encourage its member artists and to promote their work.

#### **About the Stutz Business Center**

The historic Stutz Business Center is located at 1060 North Capitol Avenue on an entire city block in downtown Indianapolis. The 400,000-square-foot former car factory was renovated in the early 1990s and its studios and office space are now home to more 80 artists, sculptors, photographers, designers, architects and craftsmen.

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