

## Arts on Chicago prepares schedule for June 8 celebration

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Almost 40 neighborhood artists involved with the 20 art projects of *Arts on Chicago* will come together to celebrate the year-long initiative on June 8, 9 a.m to 4 p.m.

The four neighborhoods that meet on Chicago Avenue between 32nd and 42nd Streets—Powderhorn, Bancroft, Bryant, and Central— have as much diversity and creativity as any other area in the Twin Cities. Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association and artists will lead a *Paint the Pavement* activity on 34th near Powderhorn Park from 9 am to 1 pm.



StevenBe's Fiber Arts studio will hold knitting workshops and Steven Be's Arts on Chicago project, *Fiber Sprawl*, will be on display in the studio courtyard. Attendees can enjoy screen printing at the *PHAT Mobile* -- built by MCAD Professor Natasha Pestich (City Pages Artist of the Year 2012) -- at 35th and Chicago, or write poetry on Molly Van Avery's bicycle-powered, rolling writing studio the *Poetry Mobile*

. Theater artists and storytellers Dylan Fresco and Michelle Barnes will perform their story-collecting project *What Grows Here*

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, a "Story Walk" from 32nd to 38th streets, at 2 pm; and photographer Stephanie Rogers will lead an urban nature walk through her project

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starting at 10 am.

In addition to these interactive activities, visual art and photography from acclaimed artists Wing Young Huie, Stephanie Rogers, HOTTEA, Forest Wozniack, TAWU (The Art Within Us) artists collective, Michael Hoyt, and Upstream Arts will be on display at various locations between 32nd to 42nd on Chicago Avenue. Activities will begin at 9 pm and last until 4 pm.



This celebration is aligned with the 38th and Chicago Business Association's annual BBQ & Music Festival from 11 am to 2 pm on the 3700 block of Chicago Avenue.

*Arts on Chicago* is a "creative placemaking" initiative designed by Pillsbury House + Theatre, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, MCAD Professor Natasha Pestich, Upstream Arts, and with support from the Ward 8 Council Office of Elizabeth Glidden, to implement twenty art projects in one year to knit together existing creative assets in the Central, Powderhorn, Bancroft, Bryant communities along Chicago Avenue. The process builds a framework for the ongoing support of a vibrant arts and cultural district.