## **Businesses and artists celebrate North Minneapolis**

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Since 2006, FLOW has become the premier art event in North Minneapolis. Highlighting the uniqueness of North Minneapolis, this free, family event is a unique collaboration between the business and arts communities that showcases artists of all ages who live and/or work in North Minneapolis. FLOW is a self-guided art event featuring visual and performing artists at businesses, studios and organizations along West Broadway in North Minneapolis.

Start your crawl at the Penn & Broadway cluster, where the new 5 Points building will be open to the public. Now home to KMOJ, this building has already installed façades by Souliyahn Keobounpheng, and work has begun for a kinetic sculpture and bus shelter. Three floors of visual art, art-making activities, photo-booth and the 5 Points Lounge with food, beer & wine and a stage will bring new life to this historic building on West Broadway.



Two shining stars in North Minneapolis artistic crown, The Capri Theater and Homewood Studios, team up for an exhibit of work by North Minneapolis youth; one piece of art, for one month, by one artist. Homewood Studios maintains a space — called Gallery 1x1xOne — to offer the work of our young people (up to age 18) to the community. In the beautifully remodeled theater space, Minnesota Fringe Festival artists showcase excerpts of their shows and the Capri Big Band conducted by Faye Washington.

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Help celebrate the return of KMOJ, The Peoples' Station, to North Minneapolis by visiting the KMOJ stage at 1200 W. Broadway. Listen to live performances by local musicians, record and decorate your very own CD, enjoy food by El Amin's Fish House and the forthcoming Gullah Grub, visit our artists' booths and see art-work exhibited inside the stunning 1200 building. Watch for Open Eye Figure Theatre's shiny tandem bicycle with the "2-Wheel Tour" pulling the city's smallest theatre throughout the Emerson Cluster presenting a "Parade of Oddities" impromptu 5-minute performances.



Also at the Emerson Cluster is Juxtaposition Arts. As part of their 15-year anniversary celebration they will have multiple programming in the Main Studio, Textile Design Lab and Sculpture Garden. An annual exhibition and sale of student and instructors work from this year's afterschool and partnership programs, including posters about recycling and 2-d sculptures made by students from North High during Green [r]evolution an environmental art and design education program offered by Juxtaposition Arts started in 2006. T-shirts designed and printed by apprentices in this summer's Textile Design Lab workshop, drawings and paintings by youth from our Studio Arts Visual Arts' Literacy program, real time youth and artists printing and selling t-shirts -- both Juxta and FLOW shirts for sale. Outside on the sidewalk Juxtaposition Artists will be creating a mural in real time and in the new Sculpture Garden next to Urban Homeworks attendants can decorate planter boxes.

Once again, the Cub Foods stage will host the Let It FLOW, Youth Talent Show Finals in conjunction with Northside Youth Stand Up!, where prequalified teens from North Minneapolis compete for cash prizes in an Apollo Style event. Keep The Knowledge FLOWing will recognize college-bound high school graduates from the Northside with gift bags filled with items for school. A group picture will be taken and will be seen on billboards around the city later this summer. Thrilling performances by Unlimited Next Level Drill Team, Voices of Culture, Phonetic

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One, Xross & KJ and as well as hoopdance and food vendors round out this energetic site.



Cross the highway and visit the Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts. Dance studios transform into art galleries, parking lots into picnics sites, and our youth into star performers on the Lundstrum Stage. Watch dancers and storytellers from the Asian Storytellers Alliance and Lao Cultural Center, and a variety of Northside performers. See budding musical theater artists from the Lundstrum Center, music students from Camden School of Music, and Z Puppets Rosenschnoz joins students from Camden Music School in the adventures of Cap'n Fitz as he braves the wilds of Monkey Mind Pirates puppet yoga musical for families in search of calm.