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Eyedrum Announces Art Auction Benefit Fundraiser set for Aug. 14

ATLANTA – As an immediate response to its financial crisis, Eyedrum Art & Music Gallery announces an Art Auction Benefit to be held Friday, Aug. 14, from 7-10 p.m.

The benefit will include a silent auction of visual art from local emerging and established artists, a live auction of art services, Eyedrum merchandise for sale, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Local talent and friends of Eyedrum will provide live entertainment at the event.

Admission is \$10 for guests and free for Eyedrum members; admission includes one complimentary drink ticket. The event is co-sponsored by Eyedrum neighbors Stella Trattoria and Cabbagetown Market, and Decatur Atlanta Printing.

Funds raised at the benefit will go directly toward operating costs and help sustain programming at Eyedrum.

After 10 successful years in Atlanta, funding and donations recently have waned, putting Eyedrum's livelihood in jeopardy. The organization is still awaiting word from its landlord, Braden Fellman, on the terms of its lease and monthly rent. In addition, a committee is taking shape to address the long-term plans of the organization, including a possible move to a smaller location and a paid staffer. While the disbanding of the organization is a possibility, board members are encouraged by the incredible outpouring of support from across the Atlanta arts community.

To volunteer, contribute, or for more information about the Art Auction Benefit, e-mail eyedrumauction@gmail.com.

Started in 1998, Eyedrum is a nonprofit organization developing an interdisciplinary approach to the arts by incorporating a wide range of contemporary art, music and new media in its gallery space. The gallery is operated entirely by volunteers, and supported through memberships and donations. It has been recognized internationally as well as locally by Atlanta's Office of Cultural Affairs and within the community at large for its advancement of innovation.