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Durham Art Guild (DAG) Awards Golden Belt Studio Residency to Dave Alsobrooks

Durham, NC- The Durham Art Guild, Inc. (DAG) announces the recipient of its 2009-2010 DAG Member Artist Residency Program which provides members with an 11-month, rent-free studio residency to further develop their artistic pursuits. DAG Member, Dave Alsobrooks has been awarded the studio space from October 2009 through September 2010, in the renovated Golden Belt Campus. Residency includes utilities, parking, and wireless internet, valued at \$4,675.00. In exchange for the space, the recipient is required to create a community-based program in relation to the residency as well as report quarterly to the Durham Art Guild Board.

About Dave Alsobrooks

Dave Alsobrooks graduated with a BFA in Graphic Design from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC in 1999. His is a partner with The PARAGRAPH Project in Durham, NC and co-founder of Bayou Rescue in Chapel Hill, NC. His work has been exhibited in several solo exhibitions and in numerous group shows throughout the US and the UK. Alsobrooks has also received recognition and awards for design including 2nd Place in the Halpert Biennial at ASU in Boone, NC (2007). In 2008, Alsobrooks was awarded a solo exhibit for his *Culture of Corruption* series at the Durham Art Guild which was featured in *The Independent Weekly* (4/30/2008). Alsobrooks states, "Beyond my gratitude to the Durham Art Guild and Scientific Properties for the confidence they've shown in me and my work, I am, without a doubt, energized and motivated. The Golden Belt Residency will allow me to follow through on new art forms and plug into the Durham community in new ways. Both are exciting to me — I'm looking forward to an inspired and productive year."

About the Durham Art Guild

The Durham Art Guild is a non-profit, members-based visual arts organization that has promoted and supported arts and artists since 1948. Membership is open to any regional visual artist. The primary mission of the Durham Art Guild is to promote the work of its member artists through the operation of a visual arts gallery located within the Durham Arts Council Building at 120 Morris Street in downtown. The Guild is committed to providing artist services and community outreach programs to enrich and develop awareness and appreciation of the significance of art, and is proud to partner with Golden Belt to make the DAG Residency Program available.

About Golden Belt

Former home to the Golden Belt Manufacturing Company, the 155,000 square foot, seven acre LEED-registered campus in downtown Durham is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and includes 6 architecturally-significant buildings that will house 37 live/work residential lofts, 35 artist studios, a central gallery, a live music venue, outdoor festival space, boutique retail stores, cafes, restaurants, and office space. Golden Belt's opening signals a growing arts-related critical mass in Durham's downtown that will preserve and enhance the local arts scene.

For more information about the Durham Art Guild, visit www.durhamartguild.org or contact DAG Director Jennifer Collins by e-mail at artguild1@yahoo.com or by phone at 919-560-2713. For more information about Golden Belt Campus, visit www.goldenbeltarts.com.

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The Durham Art Guild, Inc., is a members-based, nonprofit organization devoted to supporting visual artists and to developing awareness and appreciation of the visual arts. This program was made possible by gifts to the Durham Arts Council's Annual Arts Fund, and support from the North Carolina Arts Council with funding from the state of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.