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**Golden Belt**

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**Durham Art Guild Awards Residency at Golden Belt**  
DAG Member and Painter, Ed Larson Receives Free Artist Residency

*Durham, NC-* The Durham Art Guild, Inc. (DAG) announces the recipient of its DAG Member Artist Residency Program which provides members with a rent-free studio space to further develop their artistic pursuits. DAG Member and painter, Ed Larson has been awarded a studio space from October 2008 through September 2009, in the newly renovated Golden Belt. His Residency includes utilities, parking, and wireless internet, and is valued at \$4,675.00. In exchange for the space, Ed is required to create a community-based program in relation to his residency as well as report to the Durham Art Guild Board, the progress of his residency.

**About Ed Larson**

Ed Larson graduated from the School of the Art Institute in Chicago, IL in 1999 and relocated to North Carolina in 2001. Larson's painting is influenced by Rothko, Motherwell, Kline and Mondrian. His abstract work is created by using a black on black technique and includes organic shapes and fields of vibrant colors. Ed's work can be viewed in his studio in Building 3 of Golden Belt. The studio building is open 10am – 7pm Monday – Saturday, 12pm – 6pm on Sundays and for all public art functions held on campus including Third Friday Durham events. His work can also be seen online at the Durham Art Guild's Members Online Gallery ([www.durhamartguild.org](http://www.durhamartguild.org)).

**About the Durham Art Guild**

The Durham Art Guild is a non-profit, member-driven organization that has promoted and supported arts and artists since 1948. Any visual artist is encouraged to become a member. The primary mission of the Durham Art Guild is to promote the work of 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 education and community outreach services 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.  
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For more information about the Durham Art Guild, visit [www.durhamartguild.org](http://www.durhamartguild.org) or contact DAG Director Jennifer Collins by e-mail at [artguild1@yahoo.com](mailto:artguild1@yahoo.com) or by phone at 919-560-2713. For more information about Golden Belt, visit [www.goldenbeltarts.com](http://www.goldenbeltarts.com) or contact Marketing Director Allison Polish by e-mail at [allison.polish@scientificproperties.com](mailto:allison.polish@scientificproperties.com) or by phone at 919-967-7700.

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Ed Larson in his studio at on Golden Belt's campus. Images can be requested by contacting Jennifer Collins at the Durham Art Guild at [artguild1@yahoo.com](mailto:artguild1@yahoo.com).