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### **Ann Arbor Street Art Fair names Maureen Riley as Executive Director**

January 11, 2010 – Ann Arbor, MI – The Board of Directors of the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is pleased to announce the appointment of Maureen Riley to the position of Executive Director. Ms. Riley was selected following an extensive national search process.

“Maureen Riley is the ideal person to lead the Street Art Fair into the future,” said Royce Disbrow, Chair of the Fair’s Board of Directors, “she possesses a true passion for the arts as well as many years of experience producing arts festivals.” Previously Riley was Special Events Director for the University Cultural Center Association, which produced the Detroit Festival of the Arts and Noel Night in Midtown Detroit.

A Wisconsin native and graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Riley moved to Michigan in 1994 to work as an Event Manager for Palace Sports and Entertainment. Ms. Riley and her husband, Gerald Bernhardt, are relocating to Ann Arbor from Rochester, Michigan.

For the past fifty years the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the Original, has embraced the mission of increasing public knowledge and appreciation for contemporary fine arts and fine crafts by creating opportunities that connect artists, the Ann Arbor community and the general public; culminating in a high quality juried street art fair. Continually ranked as one of the top art fairs in the country, the 2010 fair will take place Wednesday thru Saturday, July 21 thru 24, 2010 and runs in conjunction with the State Street Area Art Fair, The Guild Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, and Ann Arbor’s South University Art Fair. The Street Art Fair is located on North University and the area surrounding Burton Carillon Tower. The sixth annual Townie Street Party, which kicks off Art Fair week in Ann Arbor, will be held on Monday, July 19. See you at the Tower!

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