

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arts Festival Planned for Bagg's Square West!**

Saturday May 31, 2008

100 Block of Genesee Street, Utica NY - Bagg's Square West

The **Bagg's Square Festival of the Arts** is an avante garde, multi-media arts festival that will include every type of performance, visual and hand-crafted art that the Central New York region has to offer. After the incredible success of last year's festival the organizers are ready to bring this exciting and vibrant event to the community once again. Throughout the day arts activities, performances and art demonstrations for children and adults will flow continuously, including:

Film Festival	Poetry & Theater performances
Music performances	Artist Demonstrations
Dance performances	Gallery Art
Children's crafts	Sculpted runners

The Bagg's Square Festival of the Arts is unique in that all ages, businesses and cultural aspects of our community will be welcomed and represented. Many festivals celebrate the ethnic variety in our region, but this will be the first to both unite and showcase the combined artistic richness that these diverse cultures bring to our community. Student artworks from the surrounding high schools and colleges will also be featured in the festival with their own Art Show. This festival will kick-off the summer season with an event that attracts people from all corners of our region into one place.

The Bagg's Square Festival of the Arts is being created by the Resonance Center and "For Arts Sake", a collaboration of regional artists and individuals who have joined forces to produce a festival that combines the ideas and experience of our whole art community.

The Bagg's Square Festival committee is now accepting applications from arts, crafts, and food vendors as well as film and gallery artists. Online forms are available at [www.resonancecenter.org](http://www.resonancecenter.org).

The committee also invites and welcomes volunteers willing to help with the set-up, take-down and production during the festival. If interested please call Rob Lecher at 525-0788.

### **Who we are:**

The Resonance Center is a charitable (section 501(c)(3)) organization dedicated to enhancing the cultural life of, and quality of life in, Utica and its environs. The Resonance Center seeks to do so by creating community-based opportunities and experiences in the arts, education, holistic health and sustainable living.

### **What we are doing:**

We have joined together to create the Bagg's Square Festival of the Arts, an avante garde, multi-media Arts Festival to be presented Saturday May 31, 2008 at Bagg's Square West in the 100 Block of Genesee Street! We promise that this Street Festival will bring together all aspects of the community and will create an excitement throughout our region that demonstrates the artistic diversity and richness of the Central New York area.