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The Salon at Galapagos Art Space in DUMBO Saturday January 17, 2009

*Exquisite libations. Live music & Burlesque.
Smoking jackets meet mixed media... The Salon Remixed.*

New York City, NY (January 9, 2009) - For a second time **The Salon** returns to the **Galapagos Art Space** in DUMBO, following the success of their first Salon at Galapagos on October 30, 2008. Since 2001 The Salon has been bringing together creative people to perform live music, share their art, dance, drink and socialize. The tradition of great Salons from the past has been reinterpreted for the modern world by pulling from a creative community of friends and colleagues who come together to share, collaborate and showcase their incredible talents.

As this Salon is 3 days before Obama's inauguration, the Salon comes together to celebrate the themes of the future, change and hope. To highlight this, the Salon starts with more traditional, acoustic music and gradually moves into more experimental, "downtown" and electrified music & performances.

The first featured musical act of the night is the **J. WALTER HAWKES QUINTET** led by trombonist J. Walter Hawkes and includes some of the top jazz musicians New York City has to offer. J. Walter has recorded & performed with the likes of Norah Jones and John Lithgow among dozens of other groups. He also writes music for film & TV, including winning a 2008 Emmy for the Wonderpets. Also on trombone, vocals and tap will be special guest **TODD LONDAGIN**.

The Second featured musical act is the **FREEDOM HATERS**, a unique alternative hard rock band that features electric strings (violin, viola & cello), sax, bass and drums with shared vocals and abundant electronic manipulations. The music ranges from concise noise-spiked rock songs to intricate chamber-punk and quieter ballads with room for spontaneous changes of mood and rhythm according to the band's whim and collective psychological state. Playing originals songs and about to complete their first album, they've performed around New York City in venues such as Pianos, Galapagos, CBGBs, Public Assembly, Fat-Baby, Sine, Cake Shop, Matchless, Don Hill's and Kenny's Castaways among others.

Burlesque dancers **RUBY VALENTINE** and **WEIRDEE GIRL** will be featured performers throughout the night and are through the courtesy of **SUGAR SHACK BURLESQUE**.

In the spirit of great Salons of the past, an eclectic array of additional performances will be presented throughout the night by various talented musicians & performers from around town.

This includes a special performance by **MONIKER : RED**. Sean Hagerty and Siddharth Mehta form the Moniker : Red duo, mixing Indian rhythms, electric violin and improvisation with live, multi-channel electronics. Through music and video, they explore the relationship between people and environments, emotions and processes.

How better to accompany the live music, performances and art show but with exquisite libations. A specialty cocktail menu has been concocted by **FREDO CERASO** of **LOUNGERATI** who is also the featured guest mixologist and will be mixing drinks from his cocktail menu through the night.

The Salon at Galapagos is Saturday January 17, 2009. The doors open at 7:30pm and the live music and performances start at 8pm. Galapagos Art Space is at 16 Main St, DUMBO Brooklyn. The cover is \$15 cash at the door or online, in advance from SmartTix.

For more information please visit: <http://www.thesalon.biz>

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

THE SALON

For hundreds of years Salons have been gatherings for stimulating people to entertain each other, socialize and increase their knowledge of the arts and the world through readings, performances and conversation. Salons have broken down social barriers, helping to bring about the enlightenment in the 17th century and the birth of the Avant-garde in the late 19th century.

In 2001 composer and music producer **PATRICK SOLURI** sought to develop a multi-cultural gathering, inspired by the historical Salons. Another inspiration was his twin brother **ANDRE SOLUR** who co-produced the Piano Store Speakeasy in NYC from 1999-2001 with **LESLEY MARTIN**. The first Salon was held in Patrick's apartment; friends and colleagues were invited to perform live music and readings, to dance, drink and socialize. The common thread has been live music: from jazz and alternative rock to experimental and classical music. One could hear and see both well-known and unknown artists of all genres. To produce the Salon in larger venues around New York City, Patrick joined forces with **Fredo C.** from **LOUNGERATI** as well as **Andre Soluri** and **Lesley Martin** of **PROHIBITION PRODUCTIONS**.

LOUNGERATI

The cocktail craze that has seduced the city recently is nothing new to the Loungerati; they've been living la dolce vita for ten years. Their flight plan - create an outlet for like minded individuals united in the pursuit of lounge culture. Their website provides reviews of cocktails, lounges, bars and events, as well as articles, entertainment, and commentary. Keep your eyes open for Loungerati sponsored events and cocktail menus near you! <http://www.loungerati.com>

GALAPAGOS ART SPACE

"One of the more evocative new spaces."

"...ever-growing cultural oasis."

-The New York Times

Galapagos Art Space is a performance space and bar, offering multidisciplinary bills of theater, performance, live music, dance, film, and visual art. In DUMBO, Galapagos Art Space has created New York City's first LEED certified 'green' cultural venue.

LINKS

THE SALON - <http://www.thesalon.biz>

PATRICK SOLURI - <http://www.patricksoluri.com>

ANDRE SOLURI - <http://www.soluri.com/architecture>

GALAPAGOS ART SPACE - <http://www.galapagosartspace.com>

LOUNGERATI - <http://www.loungerati.com>

J. WALTER HAWKES - <http://www.blatomaster.com>

FREEDOM HATERS - <http://www.myspace.com/freedomhatters>

RUBY VALENTINE - <http://www.missrubyvalentine.co>

TODD LONDAGIN - <http://www.toddlondagin.com/>

MONIKER : RED - <http://www.seanhagerty.com/video.html>

SUGAR SHACK BURLESQUE - <http://www.sugarshackburlesque.com>

INFORMATION SUMMARY

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Featuring 2 sets of the one and only
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w/ special guest TODD LONDAGIN

the sax and strings rock ensemble
FREEDOM HATERS

MONIKER : RED
Indian rhythms, electric violin & improvisation with live, multi-channel electronics

BURLESQUE DANCING
RUBY VALENTINE and **WEIRDEE GIRL**
courtesy of Sugar Shack Burlesque

Guest Mixologist & Specialty cocktail menu by
FREDO CERASO from **LOUNGERATI**

*Dance/Lounge Dress up/Dress Down Old School/New School
Change & Hope Are Upon Us. We mix it up & get electric.
Live. Life. Love. Art.
Join Us*

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Instigated by Patrick Soluri, Loungerati and Prohibition Productions.

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