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UNION CITY ARTS DEPOT ANNOUNCES EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Do you want something to do this January, but don't want to travel far? Are you interested in art exhibitions and live music? The Art Association of Randolph County is announcing their January events which include both options.

Featured in January's monthly exhibit entitled *The Industrial Complex: Ceramic Sculpture and Art*, the Arts Depot is proud to host Arcanum OH native Adam Shiverdecker who will be displaying his 3-D artworks from January 8 – 30. Adam holds a BA from the University of Toledo and recently graduated with a Masters in Fine Arts from the University of South Carolina.

Adam's work investigates the link between mythology and contemporary issues dealing with war. The Industrial Complex is a reference to Dwight D. Eisenhower's farewell address where he warns of the looming military industrial complex and its dire consequences. His words spoken 50 years ago have never rang truer than today.

Adam attributes the teachings of Joseph Campbell and Slavoj Zizek along with visual artist Anselm Kiefer as his biggest influences. His work has been shown throughout the Southeast and Midwest. He was included in the South Carolina State Museum's 20th Anniversary Juried Exhibition. Shiverdecker has recently worked on an international museum project near Xi'an, China and was a visiting researcher at Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. He will be moving to Philadelphia to fulfill an Artist-in-Residence position at the Tyler School of Art at Temple University in 2009.

The Arts Depot is located at 115 North Howard Street in Union City, Indiana. The Opening Reception for Adam Shiverdecker will be on Thursday, January 8 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm where the public can meet the artist, view his work as well as listen to a short gallery talk. Open hours through the month of January are Tuesdays through Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well as by appointment. Free admission.

As well, the Art Association of Randolph County will be host to two live musical events. Working in conjunction with the Darke County Center for the Arts, the Arts Depot will be converted into a "coffeehouse" for the evening to host singer and songwriter Vance Gilbert as part of the DCCA's Coffee, Comedy & Cabaret Series. He and his guitar will be performing live Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance at either the Arts Depot or DCCA offices.

Lastly, the Art Association presents, Live at the Arts Depot: Open Mic Nite for Musical Talent, its annual open microphone held this year on January 22 at 7:00 p.m. The microphone will stay open despite rain, snow, sleet or hail as musicians and singers from the local area gather to perform to a welcoming audience along with our guest emcee for the evening, local attorney Ryan Prinkey. Coffeehouse refreshments will be available. Musicians and singers may call the Arts Depot to ensure a spot on the microphone. No karaoke, please. Admission is free to musicians and singers; all others \$2 at the door.

For more information about the Art Association of Randolph County and the historic Union City Arts Depot calendar of events, travel to the web at www.artsdepot.org or you may call the office at 765-964-7227.

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