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Wayside gives ART Time and Space

On Thursday 7 May 2009, The Wayside Chapel will host the opening night of its 2nd *Annual Wayside Chapel Art Show*. The Chapel itself will transform into a gallery for a 7 day period showcasing a visual representation of the community.

Under the theme of 'Time and Space', artists will represent life in and around Sydney in the forms of paintings, photographs, graffiti art, sculptures as well as digital arts including video and musical pieces.

The *Wayside Chapel Art Show* has already attracted some 25 entries from the community including professional artists, the homeless, supporters of The Wayside and first time artists who wish to participate in this free, public event.

Pastor of The Wayside Chapel, Rev. Graham Long said it is an amazing event for the Wayside Chapel and encourages the community either to enter or come along to the Art Show to see a different side of what we do at The Wayside Chapel.

'It is a unique event where all artists are equal – professional artists show their art right next to our youth homeless – and it is quiet hard to tell them apart. It is a great bringing together of what we represent at The Wayside Chapel.

'The *Wayside Chapel Art Show* is not a competition, rather a celebration of the talent we have on our door step and a great way for artists of all kinds to be recognised for what they do. The art works will be on sale at the discretion of the exhibitor.

The free, public opening of the *Wayside Chapel Art Show* is **from 6.30pm** on Thursday 7 May 2009. The Art works will be displayed until **Thursday 14 May** in The Wayside Chapel, Hughes Street, Kings Cross.

The Wayside Chapel hosts other events and public debates throughout the year. The events focus on social justice and welfare issues as well as other issues in our community including the arts, theology and philosophy. To find out more about these events visit the website at www.thewaysidechapel.com or subscribe to The Wayside Chapel Inner Circle weekly comment written by Rev. Graham Long by joining the mailing list on the website.

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The Wayside Chapel has provided unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross since 1964. Each year thousands of people visit Wayside for assistance in gaining equitable access to essential health, welfare and related services. The Wayside Chapel is well known for its Youth program and Day to Day Living programs.