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SAUSALITO'S ICB ARTISTS CELEBRATE 40TH ANNUAL OPEN STUDIOS EXTRORDINARY ONE-TIME EXHIBITIONS: WALT KUHLMAN AND TIM ROSE

Sausalito, CA—1 December, 2008—Sparks will fly this coming weekend, as the ICB Artists celebrate their 40th anniversary of Winter Open Studios in Sausalito's historic Industrial Center Building (ICB)—where notable artists have worked, and where today's 100 artists are famously creating a whole new legacy.

Special events mark the occasion.

First up: the grand opening of ICB Artists' gallery space, Gallery 111. And what more fitting exhibition could there be, than *a retrospective of the paintings and whimsical mobiles of the late Tim Rose, the artist who hosted the Bay Area's first open studios 40 years ago in the ICB.*

A second remarkable event: *Walter Kuhlman's studio will be open to the public for the last time at this year's open studios.* Kuhlman, now elderly, was an important player of the Bay Area art scene that included other notables like Richard Diebenkorn, Frank Lobdell and Jean Varda. After this final show at ICB, his work will be on view in galleries and museums only.

Well known as a haven for artists, Sausalito has been an incubator of ideas and art since World War II. Once upon a time, you could rub elbows with some of the most important artists who've fueled major art movements worldwide—Frank Lobdell, Gordon Onslow Ford, Roberto Matta, Richard Diebenkorn, Walter Kuhlman and Jean Varda, just to name a few. The waterfront Marinship District and the bohemian houseboat community were fertile breeding grounds for creativity.

Today Sausalito is home to one of the largest art colonies in the country, with over 100 artists under one roof in the industrial building known as the ICB. The building, an integral part of the charm and rich history of Sausalito's waterfront, first launched great ships, then

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great art. The ICB was constructed in 1942 to build liberty ships for the war effort. After WWII, the district then became a rich enclave of thinkers, artists, writers and musicians who inspire us still today.

This December we're celebrating the 40th anniversary of ICB's Open Studios, where artists will throw their doors open, to let the public experience the magic of the ICB. Artists of all media share their art, stories, and offer their works for sale—giving the opportunity for galleries, collectors and you to discover emerging artists alongside established artists. With over 100 artists under one roof, the ICB is home to one of the largest artist communities in the country. This year's December open studios, the 40th consecutive annual event, will be the largest event ever hosted at ICB, since the first small group of artists opened their studio doors to the public in 1968. In addition, this year the ICB Artists Association will host workshops, seminars, artist talks, salons, model sessions, and gallery events.

40th Anniversary Festivities

Open Studios

Reception: 5 December, 6-9pm

Open Studios: 6-7 December, 11am – 5pm

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