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WELCOMING ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO LANSING'S OLD TOWN

Lansing, Mich. (October 14, 2009) – The Old Town Business and Art Development Association welcomes the Arts Council of Greater Lansing and Capital Area Blues Society to the Old Town Lansing area as the Arts Council of Greater Lansing celebrates its new home today with an open house.

“Old Town is in renaissance; it started with a group of artists and studios and galleries. It’s great to come to this point where there’s a concentration of arts organizations here in Old Town, which will take us to another level of providing quality arts programming for the community,” states Terry Terry, president of Old Town Business and Art Development Association and long-time Old Town business resident.

Arts Council of Greater Lansing has been located at the Center for the Arts on South Grand Avenue for a number of years. The renovation of and move to 1208 Turner Street is another step in promoting Old Town’s artistic culture – the organization will work more closely with Old Town’s Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art, Old Town Business and Art Development Association and Old Town Commercial Association to continue revitalizing the historic area and promoting the arts.

“The Capital Area Blues Society is thrilled to be offered a place to call ‘home’ – in our nearly 15 years as an organization we have never had more than a post office box!” notes Toni Alexander, Capital Area Blues Society president. “The move gives us not only a physical presence in the community, but also a sense of kinship with the neighborhood businesses and arts organizations who are dedicated to the revitalization of Lansing. It is an honor to be situated in Old Town, the arts and entertainment heart of Lansing.

“It just feels right where we are supposed to be.”

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Established in 1965, Arts Council of Greater Lansing is a non-profit organization whose mission is to lead, advocate for and advance arts and culture in the capital region. It serves hundreds of artists and more than 120 arts and cultural agencies, and also works alongside area stakeholders in an effort to best serve and support the cultural vitality of the region. See www.lansingarts.org for more information.

Founded in July 1995, the Capital Area Blues Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization designed to help support a growing interest in blues music in the greater Lansing area. For more information, see cabsblues.com.

Old Town Business and Art Development Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to quality arts programming, the preservation of historic buildings and economic development. See www.oldtownarts.org or call 517-371-4600 for more information.

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