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**DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET PRESENTS  
*DAM SMALL SHOW*  
AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**DETROIT, August 7, 2009** – The *Detroit Artists Market's DAM SMALL SHOW*

Detroit art collectors won't want to miss this **LARGE** selection of **SMALL** art works by more than 70 recognizable (and new) Detroit area artists, who have been specially invited to showcase their work in a unique format. Pieces for this show are limited in size to 12" by 12" and each of the artists represented have been able to feature **MORE**, highly collectible, original pieces in an extremely affordable price range. ALL work is priced under \$250.

This show includes work by Sharon Que (Ann Arbor), Robert Sestok (Detroit), Mary Fortuna (Royal Oak), Joe Berube (Belle River, ONT), Gilda Snowden (Detroit), Matt Lewis (Saginaw), Sergio DiGuisti (Redford) Brigit Huttemann-Holt (Grosse Pointe Park), Elizabeth Crank (Detroit), David Fischer (Ann Arbor), Luda Tcherniak (Rochester), Deborah Kashdan (Southfield) and many more in an eclectic mix of all mediums including photography, paintings, drawings, and sculpture.

**The DAM Small Show Opening Reception is August 7, 2009 from 6 – 9 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Musical entertainment provided by The Blackman...on the turntable.**

This month's Featured Artist in DAM's Elements Gallery is Carl Oxley III of Hamtramck. Carl's work is often described to be bright, colorful, happy, cheerful, cute and cool. It makes people feel good. "Art for me is all about enjoyment. I love painting,

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and most of all, I love making people laugh and smile. I believe art should be accessible to everyone, and I try to make art that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, races, cultures, classes, and so on. Art belongs to everyone.” Carl will be exhibiting a new **LARGE** piece entitled "*HAMTRAMCK*". In this new series of works, drawing inspiration from graphic novels, ancient hieroglyphs and pictographs, Oxley pushes forward from the single character image, dividing the panel into multiple scenes telling a larger story.

Founded in 1932 during the Great Depression, the Detroit Artists Market supported local artists by showing and selling their work, and also by giving the public an accessible and affordable venue to view and collect art. More than 75 years later, DAM uniquely continues this mission by providing top-quality exhibitions and special programs to promote local contemporary art.

The Detroit Artists Market is located at 4719 Woodward Avenue, in the Detroit Cultural Center, 3 blocks south of the Detroit Institute of Art on the west side of the street. Open daily Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. For information please call the Detroit Artists Market at 313.832.8540 or contact us via e-mail at [info@detroitartistsmarket.org](mailto:info@detroitartistsmarket.org). All shows and exhibitions are free and open to the public. Visit us online at [www.detroitartistsmarket.org](http://www.detroitartistsmarket.org).

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**DAM SMALL SHOW  
SELECTED IMAGES**

Top Row:

Brigit Huttemann-Holt, *Near Home*

Mary Fortuna, *Pink*

Joe Berube, *LWERDE2*

Middle Row:

Gilda Snowden, *See No Evil*

Deborah Kashdan, *Or My Shoes*

Elizabeth Krank, *White Load*

Bottom Row:

David Fisher, *Panel 3*

Luda Tcherniak, *Untitled*