

Media Alert
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Cooperative Image Group and Chicago Hot Glass host a Spectacular Spring Into Art Benefit for the reopening of Co-op Image's youth arts center in Humboldt Park at 7 p.m.-1a.m. April 15th at Chicago Hot Glass 1250 N. Central Park Ave. Chicago. The night promises good people, stellar entertainment and affordable original art, all for a great cause.

A suggested donation of \$20 to get in but in Co-op style no one will be turned away. A variety of Chicago jazz musicians will accompany the live glass demonstrations by Chicago Hot Glass artists.

Spring cleaning? We will be accepting donations for the rummage sale and Art Center drive items such as: (working) computers, cameras, electronics, office supplies, and furniture. There will be a silent auction and art sale with glass works donated by Chicago Hot Glass created that evening and works from Co-op Image youth artists complementing an array of items donated by Chicago artists and businesses. Appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be open for refreshments though out the night.

Cooperative Image Group began as an artist's apprenticeship for high school students and aimed to organize Chicago area artists and youth in order to build community while providing civic service through arts education. With almost two years to its credit, Co-op Images fills a key community need. There certainly is no shortage of artist volunteers excited to staff projects and initiatives. Cooperative Image Group has expanded to offer various platforms for area youth and artists. Since its inception, Co-op Image has:

- Opened the doors of the Co-op Image's Youth Arts Center in Humboldt Park
- Completed five community mural projects in Chicago's West side neighborhoods
- Began Post Our Bills program to beautify abandoned buildings with youth imagery
- Coordinated a mobile youth arts curriculum at The Museum of Contemporary Art
- Kicked off Campbell Community Garden revitalization project
- Implemented Co-op Clothing Tech with Orr Campus High School
- Created with and served more than 500 Chicago area youth
- Launched pilot satellite program in cooperation with Night Ministries

Bring a friend we could use the help



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