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**PRESS ALERT**

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**For Immediate Release**

**Free Architecture and Art Week-long Event**  
**DesCours brings seven days of art, architecture, and music to the  
French Quarter and CBD**

New Orleans, LA (December 9-13, 2009) This December, New Orleans will showcase DesCours, a week-long, contemporary architecture and art event that explores the latest in design and technology through the presentation of innovative, large-scale architecture installations . Thirteen installations will nightly transform hidden spaces across the French Quarter and Central Business District of New Orleans. The event will also feature many musical performances. Please see the calendar listings outlined below.

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 (Opening Night)

6-8 pm: DJ Paul  
1000 St. Charles Avenue (AIA New Orleans Center for Design)  
8-10 pm: French Classic Stylings by Sarah Quintana  
523 Iberville Street

Thursday, December 10, 2009

8-10 pm: Ed Barrett Trio  
810 Bienville Street

Friday, December 11, 2009

6-8 pm: Mark Weilky Quartet featuring James Westfall  
318 Royal Street  
8-10 pm: DJ Quintron  
200 Carondelet Street

Saturday, December 12, 2009

6-7 pm: Helen Gillet (Cellist)  
401 S. Rampart Street  
7-10 pm: MOVING art + sound: live video and audio mixing  
377 Poydras Street (Piazza d'Italia)

Sunday, December 13, 2009

6-8 pm: Treme Brass Band  
1014 Dumaine Street with second line parade through the sites  
8-10 pm: DJ Paul  
523 Iberville Street

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*About AIA New Orleans:*

*AIA New Orleans is a non-profit organization comprised of over 400 professional architects, and is a component of the national organization whose membership includes 80,000 professional architects worldwide. Founded in 1910, AIA New Orleans mission is to represent, educate and serve the architecture profession and entire community as concerns the built environment. The chapter hosts more than 60 different events each year for its members and the public, including a lecture series provided in partnership with Tulane School of Architecture, continuing education classes, building tours, architecture exhibitions, an annual architecture film presented with the New Orleans Film Society, an annual Design Awards program and an annual architecture and art event, "DesCours." Most recently, AIA New Orleans opened the 'AIA New Orleans Center for Design' which serves its members and the public through offering architecture and design education opportunities in the forms of lectures, a study center, special events, and more. AIA New Orleans Center for Design is also the only dedicated architecture and design exhibition space in the state of Louisiana.*

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