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Purpose/Repurpose

SAGE PROJECTS opens new exhibition space at 333 South Street on March 4, 2009

Artist Reception: Sunday, March 8th 2:00 to 8:00 pm

Philadelphia, **PA**: The current economic meltdown has left dozens of empty stores on South Street, yet the vacant stores may well inspire a new South Street Renaissance. Local real estate developers have given art groups such as **SAGE PROJECTS**, access to their empty stores to use as gallery spaces and creative incubators. **SAGE PROJECTS** and other Philadelphia arts groups will repurpose their spaces to bring new energy and vitality to the neighborhood's business district and Philadelphia's arts scene. The 19147 Zip code is home to more artists than any other area in the city.

Purpose/Repurpose is the first art exhibition for SAGE PROJECTS at 333 South Street that brings together five well known Philadelphia artists: Henry Bermudez, David Foss, Jon Manteau, Vincent Romaniello and Rob Solomon. The artists will use cast-off materials, excavated found objects or remnants from the former boutique itself, to create paintings, assemblages, video and multimedia installations.

The upper level gallery will feature paintings by the above artists as well as the other five artists from the SAGE artist collective; **Karen Baumeister**, **Paul Behnke**, **Nic Coviello**, **Jim Erikson**, **and Michelle Marcuse**.

SAGE PROJECTS will be open from Wednesday thru Friday, 12-6 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2-8 pm. The gallery is open to the public.

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