

# DISPLACEMENT

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## Room for Creativity:

A Community Roundtable on Real Estate Strategies for the Arts

As part of the "Displacement @ Greenbelt" exhibition, please join Fractured Atlas and Center for Performance Research for a Community Roundtable addressing creative solutions to the crisis of the diminishing availability and affordability of space for artists and arts organizations in New York City. The issues of real estate for artists has taken on a particular relevance and urgency following evictions of local artists from 475 Kent Street in February 2008 and 1717 Troutman Street in late 2007. The Roundtable will be followed by a screening of several video documentaries depicting the shifting fabric of Williamsburg to help expand dialogue about forces change neighborhoods.

Thursday, March 27, 2008, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Free Drinks & Snacks

@ greenbelt – 361 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211

**John Jasperse and Jonah Bokaer** (Hosts and MCs)

Founders, Center for Performance Research, a new affordable space in Williamsburg for rehearsal and performance, innovative arts programming, education and pedagogical engagement.

[www.cprnyc.org](http://www.cprnyc.org)

**Julie McKim** (Panelist)

Independent Curator

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**Guy Buckles** (Panelist)

Founder & President, Art Building, a new company dedicated to real estate solutions for artists (formerly director of Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, a provider of space for artists)

**Deborah Masters** (Panelist)

Co-Founder of 475 Kent Artist's Lofts

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/10/nyregion/10building.html?ex=1360386000&en=e22e070999952204&ei=5124&partner=digg&xprod=digg>

**Caron Atlas** (Moderator)

Fractured Atlas, Director, Place + Displaced: Mapping cultural vitality for civic participation in Williamsburg, Greenpoint and Bushwick.

[www.fracturedatlas.org](http://www.fracturedatlas.org)

**Ed Hamilton and Jen Gatien**, Screenwriter & Producer, *Chelsea on the Rocks*, an upcoming film by Director Abel Ferrara, portrays the once-thriving artists' residence, Chelsea Hotel, now-turned-gentrified-abode as a microcosm of the displacement. Mr. Hamilton is also a contributor to the blog, Legends of the Chelsea Hotel,

[www.legends.typepad.com](http://www.legends.typepad.com).

**Luis Garden Acosta** (Panelist)

Founder and President of El Puente, a community human rights institution that promotes leadership for peace and justice through the engagement of members in the arts, education, scientific research, wellness and environmental action. [www.elpuente.us](http://www.elpuente.us)

**Brad Lander** (Panelist)

Director, Pratt Center for Community Development

[www.prattcenter.org](http://www.prattcenter.org)

### VIDEO SCREENING

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL PREVIEW – "Chelsea on the Rocks" Abel Ferrara, Deerjen Productions, (2008)**

The First 15 minutes of yet-to-be-released major motion picture release will be shown.

A series of video documentaries will be shown illustrating Williamsburg's changing landscape, including:

"Fillmore Place" (2006) 6 minutes, Sarah Nelson Wright; "Traverse the Fantasy" (2006), 7 minutes, The Change You Want to See;

"Beauty Shop" (2007), 7 minutes, Francisca Caporali; "Los Sures" (1984) 1 hour, Diego Echevaria, "Los Sures," is Puerto Rican name for South Williamsburg, the documentary film consists of episodes looking at the problems and dreams of this community.

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