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It's A Window Wonderland in Downtown Norfolk for Holidays in the City Storefront Holiday Art Installations on Display

(Norfolk, Va. December 6) – As part of the 29th Annual Holidays in the City celebration, the Downtown Norfolk Council, Alchemy NFK and Window World of Tidewater have partnered to launch its first “Window Wonderland” holiday window art installations in four downtown storefronts.

Local artists responded to a “Call for Artists” and were selected by a panel review headed by Alchemy NFK. The artists were matched with selected properties willing to donate their space and provided a stipend sponsored by Window World of Tidewater.

The installations are on display for the six weeks of Holidays in the City, now through December 31st.

Holiday Shrine – The Curry Club

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Storefront site location: 345 Granby Street

This installation is a shrine to all things holiday. The artist obtained eclectic holiday themed items from thrift stores throughout Hampton Roads to assemble a fantastical and magical holiday shrine. Custom shelves were built to form a shrine that starts at the base of the window and goes up 8 feet high. The shrine includes electric candles for a stunning lighted effect at night.

The Curry Club remembers and stands in solidarity eternally, with native peoples of Virginia and all oppressed beings worldwide.

Home for the Holidays – Christopher James Revels

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Storefront site location: 345 Granby Street

Colorful, bright and whimsical are the main ingredients for this holiday window installation. The artists' custom created "Walking Houses" are placed free standing in the window and are surrounded by original fabricated trees and brightly illuminated with bulbs of various color and size.

Christopher James Revels is a Governor's School for the Arts Alumni with roots in the Norfolk/Tidewater area. He holds a studio residency at Alchemy NFK and is also part of Vigraine Frock Studios, a non-profit dedicated to serving the disabled, minority, fiscally challenged and emerging artist communities. In hand with carpentry, he uses found objects to pursue his vision.

Christmas Bird Count – Scott A. Roberts & Amanda V. Janes

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Storefront site location: 345 Granby Street

Prior to the turn of the century, people engaged in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas "Side Hunt"; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered quarry won. Because of declining population numbers, ornithologist Frank Chapman, and early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition - a "Christmas Bird Census" that would count birds during the holidays, rather than hunt them. So began the Christmas Bird Count.

Amanda Janes is a local illustrator and traditional sign painter. She has designed, drawn and painted countless local businesses' advertisements, menu boards and signage. She has worked in Richmond, New York and Minneapolis. Ms. Janes studied at the Kansas City Art Institute.

Scott Roberts is a well-educated and decorated veteran of Desert Storm. He's a formally trained fine artist from Virginia Commonwealth University's Sculpture Program. Scott's meticulous design strategy and interest in working as a hands on designer and artist led to a Master's Degree in media design and brand strategy.

Downtown Snow Globe – Governors School for the Arts & Alchemy NFK

Contact GSA: www.gsarts.com

Contact Alchemy: www.alchemynfk.com

Storefront site location: 426 Granby Street

This installation creates a life-size snow globe scene featuring a detailed replica of downtown Norfolk – complete with downtown icons like Scope, Wells Fargo Center and Harrison Opera House and shimmery circulating snow.

The Governor’s School for the Arts (GSA) is a center for innovation that develops excellence, nurtures creativity, inspires artistic vision and builds communities with a passion for the arts.

Located in the heart of the NFK Arts District, Alchemy NFK harnesses the essence of creativity, turning available resources into something infinitely valuable. Alchemy NFK is a community driven workspace conceived to bridge the gap between creatives and their environment through active involvement, volunteerism and social interaction.

Holidays in the City is presented by WVEC ABC 13 in association with the Cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth and is produced and managed by the Downtown Norfolk Council. The Downtown Norfolk Council is a private, not-for-profit membership organization composed of businesses and individuals working toward a dynamic, attractive and prosperous downtown.

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