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Darlene Adams' New York Bound Event takes place March 20

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A local painter is looking for a helping hand to make her dreams come true.

Darlene Adams has a show lined up at the Agora Gallery in New York in October, but she needs to raise money to help finance her trip and the shipment of her paintings.

Tickets for her New York Bound Event fundraiser, March 20 at the Old Timers' Cabin, 9430 99 St., are available until March 15.

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime for me, to be at the Agora in New York to show my work. For them to be representing me ... it's like a dream come true," Adams says.

The gallery put up a series of pieces by Adams last month, and will display them until February 2012.

Her vibrant, abstract landscape oil paintings previously earned her attention on the international scene with a show at the Artist Alley Gallery in San Francisco.

“ “It's like a dream come true.” ”

The New York Bound Event will feature afternoon cocktails from noon to 1 p.m., a dinner catered by Sandy's Food Service at 1 p.m., a silent auction from noon to 5 p.m., and live music by young local artists from U22 Productions.

The event would not have been possible if not for the efforts of Adams' friends, who have taken on most of the organizing duties.



"Anything that I can raise will be a big help," Adams says.

"My friends said to me when this happened, 'You know, Darlene, you've got to do it and that's all there is to it.' So they all got behind me."


Silent auction items include donations from Second Cup, New Asian Village, Mudhoney Salon, City TV, Red Piano, Up 99.3 FM and others.

"There's tons of people giving things to us right now, it's just fantastic ... There's lots of different things for different people."

Tickets are available for \$40 from Adams by calling 780-988-2727, and at the Paint Spot, 10032 81 Ave.

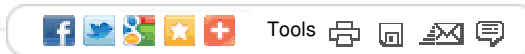
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