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# JCFridays brings dozens of free arts events to Jersey City today

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Artists and viewers participate in a Hudson County Art SLAM! The second annual event is from 7:30 to midnight tonight at One McWilliams Place, Jersey City, as part of JCFridays.

Dec. 21 may be the official start of winter, but for the Jersey City art community, the true herald of a new season is **JCFriday**, a **free** day of arts and culture that takes place on the first Friday of every season. Wait a minute - that's today!

A great way to enjoy Jersey City's art scene any time of year, JCFridays has a special advantage in December.

"The holiday is really making this a unique event," says Christine Goodman, executive director of Art House Productions, which spearheads the JCFridays program. "It's a really good opportunity to go out and get holiday gifts and support local artists at the same time."

Events started at 9 this morning and continue into the wee hours of tomorrow morning.

If you're not sure where to go, here are a few suggestions:

\***LITM**, 140 Newark Ave., 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. "Little Wonders" consists entirely of visual works under 14 inches -- a great place to shop for holiday gifts.

\***The Stockinette Knitting Cafe**, 581 Jersey Ave., 7 p.m. JCFridays' first exclusively fiber arts exhibit, "Thread: The Fine Art of Fiber," will feature wearables and knitted objects.

\***Second Annual Hudson County Art SLAM!**, One McWilliams Place, 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Work by more than 30 artists -- all for sale and less than \$300. Live music and live painting with audience participation means a party worthy of Friday night.

\***Life**, 112 Morris St., 7 to 10 p.m. "Local at Life" showcases fashions and art by local designers.

\***Piersanti Studios**, 299 Pavonia Ave. #9, 7 to 10 p.m. "SIDESHOW," a pop art show inspired by Coney Island, will feature special guests.

\***Jersey City Museum at The Majestic**, 222 Montgomery St., 6 to 8 p.m. "Public Acts" features photo, video and sound from Shua Group and Sylvestre Gobart's audience interactive works.

Check out the full event guide at [jcfridays.com](http://jcfridays.com).