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Western Reserve PBS’s NewsNite to Explore Downtown Arts Programs

Sept. 28 program will feature Akron Artwalk and Canton First Friday events

NORTHEAST OHIO — Sept. 25, 2012 — Every month, the downtowns of both Akron and Canton come alive with separate arts-centric programs that bring people, enthusiasm and dollars into both areas. This Friday on NewsNite, host Jody Miller learns more about the two events and welcomes guests who are closely involved in their successes. NewsNite airs Fridays at 8:30 p.m. on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1) and repeats on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

If you have been to downtown Akron on the first Saturday of each month between 5-10 p.m., you may have joined with many taking Akron’s free trolley to stop at different art galleries, viewing the extraordinary works of creativity and enjoying the camaraderie along the way. NewsNite host Jody Miller talks with Suzie Graham, president and CEO of Downtown Akron Partnership, who offers more information about Akron Artwalk.

In downtown Canton on the first Friday of each month from 6-10 p.m., attendees experience the energy and fun generated from the city’s Canton First Friday event. Miller talks with Robb Hankins, president and CEO of ArtsInStark, and Tricia Ostertag, ArtsInStark community arts manager, about the lively party that features music, performance and visual arts events.

Regarding both Canton First Friday and Akron Artwalk, NewsNite looks at the impact — economically, socially and collectively — that the events have had on both central cities.

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