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ARTIST AARON RISTAU SHOWCASED AT ART LAB FORT COLLINS

Gallery to Host Opening Reception July 2

Fort Collins, Colo. (June 14, 2010) – Artist Aaron Ristau’s most recent artwork will be debuted to the public at his upcoming solo exhibition, “Aaron’s Art Lab 2010.” Art Lab Fort Collins will host Ristau and his work at its gallery in Old Town Fort Collins at 239 Linden St. An opening night reception will be held on July 2 from 6 to 9 p.m., where local band Speed Whiskers will perform live.

His new collection features technology recycled and re-crafted into sculpture. More than 25 light and kinetic sculptures will be featured including a custom computer mouse, mechanical sculptures, a remote controlled spacecraft light sculpture, retro punk-style accessories, mobiles, floor lamps, wall sculptures, chandeliers and night lights.

Ristau’s art has previously been exhibited at several galleries throughout Texas and Colorado and featured at *MAKE Magazine’s* 2008 Maker Faire in Austin, Texas.

Loveland, Colo., artist Aaron Ristau has a fascination with creating art that blends nostalgic aesthetics with contemporary function. His whimsical mechanisms and functional lighting assemblages are an intricate integration and redefinition of reclaimed components he discovers at yard sales, attics, garages and auctions. Ristau’s inspiration for light sculpture began with his exposure to the “Marfa Lights” phenomena while living in the Big Bend, Texas area artist community from 1998 to 2003. With a professional background in industrial technology, interdisciplinary fabrication and repair, Ristau currently works as an installation and fabrication technician at ARC Science Simulations, creators of the OmniGlobe®, in Loveland, Colo.

“Aaron’s Art Lab 2010” runs July 2 through July 10. Gallery hours are Fridays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, please call Aaron Ristau at (970) 669-1816.

About Aaron Ristau

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About Art Lab Fort Collins

You've seen those empty storefronts as you've wandered the streets of Old Town Fort Collins. They look like buildings that need some energy to make them happy again. That's what Art Lab Fort Collins is all about. We're temporarily filling those wonderful buildings with art, innovation, music, smiling faces until a new tenant comes along. When a new tenant decides to move in, we just move on to the next empty space. Watch the empty storefronts for something new in Old Town. For more information, please visit www.artlabfortcollins.org.

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