## Artomatic 2007 - ends 5/20/07

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I went to Artomatic on Friday 5/4/07 for the Meet the Artists night. It was a great experience - so much art, music, interesting people to meet. And it is all free (though donations are accepted) and near the metro and I-395 freeway. If you like to drink wine with your art they have a bar. You can also buy pieces that you like. This is *not* your normal artshow - Artomatic is open to all artists to exhibit at (well at least all ones with the \$75 exhibit fee and 15 hours of volunteer time available to help run the event) so you get to see a **much** wider range of art that you would at a museum or gallery. There are 600 area artists and performers in 90,000 square feet of space that used to be a US Patent Office building. Some artists decorated the walls and space as well as hanging pictures, photos and sculpture. There is also poetry, film, pottery, music and dance in different rooms.

The event runs every day except Mondays from noon to 10pm or 1am depending on the day. It closes in two weeks on 5 /20/07 and normally the event is only every two years. Don't miss out!

Artomatic opens on Friday. It's located at 2121 Crystal Drive, 6th & 8th floors. To learn more about Artomatic, visit <u>http://www.artomatic.org</u>. There's great art, music, films & more!

You can take the Metro to Crystal City and then walk underground through the shops and exit after you pass McDonalds .