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Louis Armstrong Collages Satchmo Exhibition Arrives at Flushing Town Hall

Who/What:

Flushing Town Hall presents a free art exhibition entitled *The College Aesthetic of Louis Armstrong: "In the Cause of Happiness."* The exhibition is open to the public and features large scale images of collages created by Armstrong from clips of photographs, news stories, postcards, letters, telegrams and other materials that Armstrong artfully affixed to the boxes of his vast private collection of audio tapes.

In a letter to a friend in 1953, Louis Armstrong said, "*My hobby (one of them anyway is using a lot of scotch tape...My hobby is to pick out different things during what I read and piece them together and make a little story of my own.*"

To celebrate opening night, Steven Brower, author of "*Satchmo: The Wonderful World and Art of Louis Armstrong*" will be on hand to sign copies of his book at 5pm, followed by a live Jazz show from the Randy Sandke Trio at 8pm.

When:

Fri, Oct 14, 5:30-9:30 PM

Exhibition runs Fri, Oct 4 through 2013. Gallery Hours: Sat & Sun, 12-5 PM

Where:

Flushing Town Hall, 1st floor, 137-35 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, New York

Admission:

Suggested Donation \$5/Members Free

What Else:

In 2009 the exhibition was housed at Jazz at Lincoln Center and coincided with the release of an art book of Armstrong's collages, *Satchmo: The Wonderful World and Art of Louis Armstrong* (New York: Abrams, 2009), and an exhibition of a selection of Armstrong's original collages at the Louis Armstrong House Museum in Corona, Queens, entitled *A Little Story of My Own: Louis Armstrong's Collages* (open now through July 12, 2009).

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