

# East Side Culture Crawl Stop

## Octopus Studios

### 393 Powell St

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For five years Octopus Studios has provided low cost space for artists and artisans in a 3000 sqft workspace on Powell St. Currently the space is home to 14 artists, 10 of which will be exhibiting during the upcoming **East Side Culture Crawl** later this month. The artists range from painters and photographers to guitar craftsmen and soap makers. **Beata Kacy** who runs the space with her partner **Nik Palmer** says this will be the third year the studio has participated in the Crawl. They are expecting upwards of 800 visitors this year.

From her cozy studio space at the entrance of Octopus, Kacy offers courses in jewelry, soap making and other craft. "Whenever I learn something new I try to pass on the skills," she explains. Make sure to check out new items like industrial felt & leather belts, fuse glass and metal clay jewelry all available on the Crawl. Heading through Kacy's studio to the back of the building you enter a large space with vaulted ceilings and more studios in a loft section. In this space her partner Palmer creates fine custom leather goods with his son ([www.palmerandsons.ca](http://www.palmerandsons.ca)) using traditional methods, heritage materials, reclaimed leather and vintage tools to produce once of a kind bags, cuffs and bets.

[www.octopusstudios.com](http://www.octopusstudios.com)

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## Octopus Artists taking part in the Crawl 2010

### **Andriy Mishchenko, Photography**

Focused on the easily-overlooked elements in our urban environments, the significance of stray objects, shadows, and negative space. Working without artificial light, he records scenes largely as he sees them. [www.photic.ca](http://www.photic.ca)

### **Krystian Guevara, Painting**

Working in everything from film to video games and political illustrations, Krystian is currently focusing on painting. You may have seen his work on the cover of the Georgia Straight. [www.contempogaleria.com](http://www.contempogaleria.com)

**Sean Karemaker, Drawing**

Sean documents small things that occur in strange places. He illustrates slow stories at high speed and captures mundane madness in passing. [www.seankaremaker.com](http://www.seankaremaker.com)

**Kim White, Guitar Builder**

Founder and creator of Hobo Nation cigar box guitars, Kim also builds classical, and steel string guitars one at a time by hand. He is a member of the Guild of American Luthiers. [www.hobonation.ca](http://www.hobonation.ca)

**Roksan Kohen, Drawing & Painting**

Drawing on her international arts experiences Roksan observes and discovers the city around her. Utilizing oils, acrylics, water color, ink, sometimes working with mixed media she layers her ideas. [www.roksankohen.com](http://www.roksankohen.com)

**Ellen Scobie, Mixed Media & Printmaking**

Countless hours spent in front of the computer on marketing communications combined with training in hand-pulled lithographic prints has led Ellen to where she is today: creating mixed media works with photography, printmaking and painting. [www.ellenscobie.com](http://www.ellenscobie.com)

**Suzy Stroet, Painting**

Emily Carr & UBC graduate Suzy focuses on people and how they interact with, and inhabit the spaces they create. Addressing the ever-evolving nature of human made places and the tension between physical, digital, social and emotional spaces. [www.suzystroet.com](http://www.suzystroet.com)

**Paul Tanner, Jewellery & Sculpture**

With 10 years as a goldsmith under his belt Paul has also tackled 3D animation at VFS. Since then he has worked in the video game industry as a character artist which he supplements with sculpting and jewelry making. [www.polysprojects.blogspot.com](http://www.polysprojects.blogspot.com)

**Guzin Taskiran, Photography**

Born and raised in Turkey, Guzin liked the idea of painting with light and was quickly mesmerized by the spiritual power of the camera. She now works in Vancouver working primarily as a graphic designer and photographer. [www.guzintaskiran.com](http://www.guzintaskiran.com)