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**Chicago Loop Alliance's Pop-Up Art Loop continues in 2013
with FREE First Thursdays gallery walks scheduled for
May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5 and October 3 from 5-8 p.m.**

Artist Tony Tasset's *CARDINAL* returns to State Street April-May 2013

CHICAGO (April 2, 2013)—**Chicago Loop Alliance's** (CLA) ongoing **Pop-Up Art Loop**, which transforms vacant Loop storefronts into vibrant temporary art galleries, resumes its popular **First Thursdays gallery walks** in 2013 on Thursday, May 2 from 5-8 p.m. Additional First Thursdays gallery walks are scheduled for June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 5 and Oct. 3 from 5-8 p.m. The gallery walks are free, self-guided tours of the many new exhibits throughout the Loop that include complimentary wine and beer, live art-making and music. Due to Pop-Up Art Loop's success in driving new business into the Loop, the number of available spaces for this year has been reduced from 15 to eight. For a complete list of current galleries, visit www.PopUpArtLoop.com.

Visitors to State Street now through May will also enjoy the return of renowned artist **Tony Tasset's *CARDINAL***: a dramatic installation of 144 street banners that reveal a bold red cardinal in flight against a bright blue sky, unfolding like a "flip book" on State Street lamp posts north from Congress Parkway to Wacker Drive. *CARDINAL* was originally presented with Tasset's three-story *EYE* sculpture for CLA's Art Loop 2010 public art initiative.

The confirmed Pop-Up Art Loop spaces for 2013 include:

- 23 E. Madison
- 42 S. State Street (Blick Art Materials, 2nd floor)
- 202 S. State Street
- 108 N. State Street (Block 37, 1st floor)
- 29 W. Randolph
- 22 S. Wabash
- 28 S. Wabash
- 210 N. Wells

Pop-Up Art Loop is made possible through the generous support of downtown property owners and the **Chicago Loop Alliance Foundation**, which develops and promotes artistic, cultural and public events within the CLA service area. These initiatives enhance the character of the Loop, contribute to its competitive position as a mixed-use destination, and promote economic development and tourism in the area.

Chicago Loop Alliance is a member-based nonprofit organization that represents Chicago's most dynamic mixed-use district—the Loop—and advocates for the rapidly growing central business area. CLA is focused on promoting and uniting Loop businesses and organizations to support one another in creating a vibrant, flourishing Loop where people live, work and play.

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