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**WEST END WINE BAR TO FEATURE THE ART OF ED LARSON**

*Local Artist on Display with Percentage of Sales Donated To Benefit Cancer Research  
Gallery Opening July 9<sup>th</sup> with Live Music & Raffle for Charity*

June 26, 2008 (Chapel Hill, NC) – West End Wine Bar will kick-off it's new *Local Artists Local Charities* series with a gallery showing of artwork by Ed Larson. The series will spotlight local artists with a percentage of sales donated to a local charity. Larson's show, entitled *Branching Streams*, will raise money for the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"The series brings together two of our core values—supporting local artists and donating a percentage of our business to local charities," says West End Wine Bar owner Jared Resnick. "We're proud to showcase the work of incredible local artists like Ed Larson and to use art to raise money for worthy causes and local charities."

To celebrate the opening of Larson's show *Branching Streams*, West End Wine Bar will host a reception on Wednesday July 9 featuring music by Mark Wells, wine specials, and a fundraiser raffle with prizes from 411 West, The Franklin Hotel, West End Wine Bar, Ed Larson and The Carolina Brewery. This free reception begins at 6PM and is open to the public.

Ed Larson's work focuses on beauty using the language of abstraction with inspiration from his years of practicing mindfulness and meditation as well as influences of Rothko, Motherwell, Kline and Mondrain. He graduated from the School of the Art Institute in Chicago in 1999 and relocated to North Carolina in 2001 with his wife where he's been an active member of the local art scene and the Durham Art Guild. In addition to having his artwork featured at the Durham Arts Council, Open Eye, Chapel Hill Town Hall, and Hollis & Knight in Washington DC, Larson has been part of two art shows at the Durham Arts Guild juried by Judy Chicago and Petah Coyne.

*Branching Streams* will be on display throughout the summer at West End Wine Bar, 450 West Franklin Street in Chapel Hill.

For more information please visit the following websites:

West End Wine Bar [www.westendwinebar.com](http://www.westendwinebar.com)

UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center [www.unclineberger.org](http://www.unclineberger.org)

Ed Larson [http://www.etsy.com/shop.php?user\\_id=5935757](http://www.etsy.com/shop.php?user_id=5935757)

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