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## **OLD TOWN BUILDING RENOVATION STARTS WITH A SPLASH**

**LANSING, MI (October 20, 2006)** – They will be “**painting the town**” this Monday, October 23, at 2 pm, as Mayor Virg Bernero throws the first paint at 1213-1215 Turner St., a historic commercial building beginning its renovation. For a small donation, anyone can join him in throwing paint at the building. All donations will benefit the Banyan Gallery, a not-for-profit gallery featuring Michigan artists.

“The goal of the renovation is to create expanded studio space for Message Makers, producers of creative media, events and training. In addition, loft apartments and high-end retail space will be available for lease,” said Terry N. Terry, the property owner and developer.

Formerly the Wonder Bar and the Mustang Bar, the building has been vacant for nearly 20 years. The building was constructed in the late 1800’s, among the first of Lansing’s historic commercial buildings. The paint will be thrown at the sandstone and glass block façade, which will be removed and the façade restored to look like it did in the 1800’s.

“The renovation of the old Mustang Bar will make a great contribution to Old Town’s revitalization,” said Arlie Skory, treasurer of Old Town Business & Art Development Association, which produces JazzFest and BluesFest.

Hot cider and donuts will be provided for all attending.

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