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Opening Weekend Programs July 31 – August 2, 2014

All events will take place within the 5th Avenue Pavilion of the Asbury Park Boardwalk, 501-503 at 1200 Ocean Avenue, unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, July 31

6-8PM: Opening Reception. RSVP to: http://goo.gl/5J0c9B

Please join Transformer for the opening of *Promised Land*, an exhibition of contemporary artworks by twelve east coast based emerging visual artists exploring a broad range of current national issues as inspired by the past & present of Asbury Park, NJ. Full exhibition details can be found at www.transformerdc.org.

Friday, August 1

12:30PM: Promised Land artist Dahlia Elsayed launches the first of her Porch Talks on the Ocean Avenue facing porch of the 5th Avenue Pavilion. Join her and David Shoemaker, boat-builder and fisherman, to talk about boats, boat-making, fishing and more! Visit the Professional Porch Sitters Union blog for further details: http://ppsu1893.blogspot.com/p/ppsu-history.html

1-3PM: Promised Land artist Alison Kuo offers Cone Spa treatments to Promised Land audiences.

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Saturday, August 2

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3PM: Promised Land featured painters Kevin Darmanie & Lisa Marie Thalhammer present an informal talk of their work moderated by Tim Doud, painter and Associate Professor of Art and Visiting Artist Program Coordinator, Studio Art Program in the Department of Art, American University (Washington, DC)

5PM: Jane Carver will perform the full composition of her sound piece Whirl Up, Sea

Sunday, August 3:

2:30PM: Promised Land artist Mike Richison, along with Ed Johnston, lead a tour of Augmented Asbury. The tour will begin with a talk inside the Promised Land exhibition space and continue throughout the Asbury Park boardwalk.

PROMISED LAND EXHIBITION HOURS, AUGUST 1 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2014:

Wednesday & Thursday, 12-6pm; Friday & Saturday 12-8pm; Sunday 12-5pm.

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Visit transformerdc.org for *Promised Land* artist statements & bios, and updates on weekly creative & educational programming throughout the run of the exhibition.

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