



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS ARTS DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE BEING NAMED “BEST ART DISTRICT” WITH NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS**

Minneapolis, MN, March 15, 2015—“A Community Celebration of The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District, The Best Arts District in the USA!” will take place on April 1, 2015 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the recently redesigned events space of the Solar Arts Building, 711-15th Ave NE, 3rd Floor, Minneapolis, MN

The Arts at Work.

55413. Hosted by the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Board of Directors, this event is sponsored by Chowgirls Killer Catering, official caterer of the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District, and the Solar Arts Building, home to 28 creative businesses including artists, designers, photographers and arts-related service providers.

When the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Board learned the District won “Best Art District” via USA Today’s “10 Best Readers’ Choice” award, first thoughts went to getting the word out. Next thoughts went to celebrating the award and saying “thank you!” to those who paved the path to get us here. This is a perfect time to acknowledge the artists and business owners who came together—many of whom had been gentrified out of other Minneapolis neighborhoods—and worked with politicians and city leaders, stressing the economic and philanthropic values that a thriving, creative sector provides. As with Rome, the District wasn’t built in a day and it’s time to celebrate its uniqueness, its history *and* its future. The “10Best Award” shines a national spotlight on the District, and puts its artists, studios and supporting businesses in news around the United States. Huzzah!

So although this celebration takes place on April’s Fool Day, it’s no joke that the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District is #1. We invite the community and special guests to celebrate with an evening full of live music, a cash bar, tasty bites, and schmoozing in the amazingly newly appointed “Solar Arts by Chowgirls” space. Please join us!

ABOUT THE NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS ARTS DISTRICT—The geographic boundaries of the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District are the Mississippi River on the West, 26th Avenue on the North, Central Avenue on the East and Broadway on the South in the city of Minneapolis, MN. The district contains a diverse mix of businesses, restaurants, parks, art galleries and studios as well as industrial and residential property. Warehouses and rail yards are interspersed with homes, churches and family-run businesses. Artists populate many of the historic and formerly industrial buildings, which have been re-purposed and renovated into studios, galleries and performance spaces. Independent galleries have sprung up throughout Northeast, with a concentration along the District’s 13th Avenue. <http://www.northeastminneapolisartsdistrict.com>

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