

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS
ARTS DISTRICT ANNOUNCES 2ND BI-ANNUAL VISION AWARDS

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Minneapolis, MN, March 22, 2017—The 2nd Bi-Annual Vision Awards, honoring those who have provided Leadership and Commitment in the Service of Arts, Artists, and Culture celebrates “The Arts at Work” in the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District. Hosted by Chowgirls, the official caterer of the Arts District, the event is open to the public, and takes place on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Chowgirls by Solar Arts, 711-15th Ave NE, 3rd Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55413. The Solar Arts Building is home to over 20 creative businesses including artists, designers, photographers, and arts-related service providers.

The evening’s program includes special speakers, and Northeast Minneapolis residents, Olga Viso, Executive Director of the Walker Art Center, and Cameron Keith Gainer, Conceptual Artist and Publisher of “The Third Rail,” comments by members of the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Board of Directors, and a brief Award ceremony.

The Vision Awards say “thank you!” to those who paved the path to create the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District, and those who continue working to support artists and sustain their livelihoods. It acknowledges the artists and business owners who came together, many who had been gentrified out of other Minneapolis neighborhoods, to work with politicians and city leaders, stressing the economic and philanthropic values that a thriving, creative sector provides. The Vision Awards celebrate The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District’s uniqueness, its history and its future.

We invite the community to celebrate with an evening full of live music, special presentations, tasty bites, and a cash bar.

ABOUT THE NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS ARTS DISTRICT—Mission: To support artists, arts and culture in the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District by encouraging artistic inspiration and creativity, as well as incubating arts related projects while encouraging thoughtful economic growth, tourism, worldwide cultural artistic exchanges, political effectiveness and community connectivity

Formed by The City of Minneapolis in 2003, 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.

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