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THE FUTURE OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN MINNEAPOLIS

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District brings the City's Ward 1 and Ward 3 Candidates to The Ritz Theater to discuss local government's role in the Arts.

Minneapolis, MN, September 29, 2017– The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Board of Directors is hosting two public forums to address how local government supports artists, and helps to develop, the arts and arts related businesses in Wards 1 and 3, particularly those in the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District, which straddles both Wards.

Monday, October 16th, 2017 features, as of the date of this PR, Ward 1 City Council candidates: John Hayden, Jillia Pessenda, and Kevin Reich, along with Ward 3 City Council candidates: Steve Fletcher, Ginger Jentzen, and Samantha Pree-Stinson.

Tuesday, October 17th, 2017 features, as of the date of this PR, current Mayor Betsy Hodges and six new candidates for Mayor: Raymond Dehn, Jacob Frey, Al Flowers, Tom Hoch, Nekima Levy-Pounds, and Aswar Rahman.

Thanks to the theater's generosity, both events will held at The Ritz, 345 13th Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413, on their respective nights, from 7 pm – 9 pm. Both will be followed by an open reception with the candidates from 9 pm – 10 pm at the Rogue Buddha Gallery (next door to The Ritz), 357 13th Avenue NE, Mpls., MN 55413.

The format for both evenings is (7:15 – 8:15 pm) an emcee-guided discussion with the candidates seated on the stage. Questions for this discussion will be written by the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Board of Directors and are based on earlier public discussions around Creative Sustainability and the development of the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District. A Q&A session (8:15 – 8:45 pm), with anticipated input from the audience, will follow the discussion. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

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. <http://www.northeastminneapolisartsdistrict.org>

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