News from the District

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Greetings!
Welcome to In the District: news from the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District.
Please note local politics is very important to artist issues. This Tuesday attend your local caucus and be the voice of the arts. Click here is a link to all the caucus sites.

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VISION AWARDS April 12
NE Arts District Celebrates Community Visionaries

Vision Awards

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Bi-Annual Vision Awards on April 12. Presented by the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District

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Board of Directors and hosted by Chowgirls at Solar Arts, the Vision Awards honor visionaries who have provided leadership and commitment to the Arts District in the service of arts, artists, and culture.

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

The Vision Awards acknowledge artists and business owners who have come together to work with politicians and community leaders, stressing the economic and philanthropic values that the Arts District provides as a thriving, creative sector of our city.

Come and celebrate Northeast Minneapolis Arts District's uniqueness, its history and its future.The Vision Awards event is free and open to the public.

VISION AWARDS
Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Solar Arts, 711-15th Ave NE, 3rd Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55413

ABOUT The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District

Arts District entrepreneurs recommended
excerpts from *Northeaster* article by Margo Ashmore

Three of Northeast's stalwart Arts District couples are teaming up to repurpose a long-decaying commercial corner at 695-699 Lowry Ave. NE. If all goes well, the planned mixed-use art production space will be the new home of Clay Squared to Infinity and Potek Glass by fall of 2018. The renovated space will provide 4,000 square feet per business, with 4,000 square feet that could be rented to other producing artists, and a second-floor residential apartment.

The California Building Company (John Kremer and Jennifer Young) is partnering with Clay Squared to Infinity (Josh Blanc and Layl McDill) and Potek Glass (Malcom Potek and Kara van Wyk) and will act as fee developer and manager for the entire redevelopment project.

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"There will be more large windows installed around the outside of the building so the public can see artists making work and feel invited to stop in and visit the artist studios," Blanc told the *Northeaster.* "The goal is to have an arts building with a retail/food related presence in the corner."

Kremer and Young own three art buildings in Northeast: California Building, Casket Arts and the Carriage House and Factory at Casket Arts, and redeveloped the commercial buildings known as the OddFellows (home to Bulldog NE, 401 E Hennepin) and the Garland Building (home to GingerHop and Honey, 201 E Hennepin). "We are thrilled to make another artist-owned building." said Young.

Rebecca Parrell, the city's staff person shepherding the process, explained that the staff recommendation will work its way through the city council. The proposers will be doing their due diligence, getting renovation bids and analyzing the site further for pollutants and potential remediation. A review of parking in the neighborhood will be conducted. Parrell will return to the council in summer for the land sale contract and the county transfer of the property.

"This is perfect as maker spaces," commented Kremer. "It's lucky we can save this one; you get an Arts District that goes back 25 years" with arts as an economic driver. Artists can now invest in the community long term by owning their own buildings.

Read the full article here.

CALENDAR

Featured Events

Objects, Ideas and Experiences

Artist Jason Kittel

Meet Jason Kittel working out of the Casket Arts Building. Video series via Flyoverfilms.net

The Arts District is looking to showcase your videos of your process, work, studio or your experience working or living in the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District. Have you done a episode on MN Original? Please send us the link. Working in your studio or giving a talk, we would love to share it. We are not looking for your cat videos but we are looking for the artist experience of NE Minneapolis so please send your videos to nemadboard@gmail.com

The Arts District has our own Youtube.com channel.

Northeast P.E.E.P.s
(People, Events, Exhibits, Places)

Submitted by Karen Wilcox and Josh Blanc

Teeny Tiny Art Encounters

Northrup King Building
1500 Jackson St NE, Minneapolis, Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Casket Cinema

rosalux gallery

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Kallos

Time Keep David Malcolm, Scott Rebecca, Krinke Reception, April 8th 7-10pm Exhibition April 1-30

Three Main Goals of Arts District Planning

1. Continue to discuss who we are as a community.
2. Continue to define the vision of the next 10 to 15 years, in order to drive the decision making.
3. Start a framework on how we can finance the goals of the district. This goal is only possible to discuss if the other two goals can be met.

Recent studies to consider reading:

1. The Creative Vitality Index 2014 Update. Click to read.
2. Arts Districts & Economic Development study. Click to read.
3. The Minneapolis Creative Index 2013 Report. Click to read.
4. Arts Impact Survey & Report on Arts Activity within the District (2013). Click to read
5. Take the survey for the CREATIVE MINNESOTA ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF MINNESOTA'S ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS http://creativemn.org

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District & the Arts District Committee is an outcome of the Arts Action Plan.

"The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Committee is comprised of interested volunteer community members, and is fiscally managed by the Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC). Additional support has been provided by Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA), Clay Squared to Infinity."

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