Greetings!
The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District is hosting an opportunity for artists and art supporters to ask questions of the candidates running for Mayor and City Council in Ward 1 and Ward 3.

Artists have been featured in candidates’ advertising campaigns, highlighting their artistic accomplishments and connections. What will you expect from these people, if they get into office? What positions will they take to ensure the longevity of the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District? We have scheduled two evenings for this, so you can take part. We look forward to seeing you at the Ritz Theater on Monday, the 16th and Tuesday, the 17th both starting at 7:15pm be early to enter your questions

Sincerely,

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Board

Candidate forums on Arts Oct. 16 and 17 at The Ritz

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

Ward 1 and 3 Debate Click here to RSVP
Monday, October 16, 2017 features, as of Sept. 29, 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.

Mayoral Debate Click here to RSVP
Tuesday, October 17th, 2017 features, as of Sept. 29, 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 p.m. - 9 p.m. Both will be followed by an open reception with the candidates from 9 p.m. - 10 pm at the Rogue Buddha Gallery (next door to The Ritz), 357 13th Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

The format for both evenings is (7:15 - 8:15 p.m.) 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 p.m.), with anticipated input from the audience, will follow the discussion. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

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.
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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