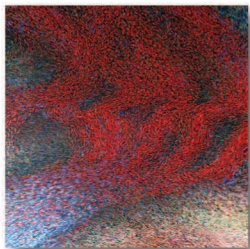


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Artspace – where artists live and work

With the help and support of M&T, the Breitweiser Building in Buffalo, NY recently welcomed some new residents into its historic walls. The former home of Buffalo Electric Vehicle Company built in 1911 was selected as the location of the Artspace Buffalo



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Lofts project.

Artspace is a non-profit organization that spearheads property development projects to

turn older buildings into affordable space for artists to live and work. Projects have been implemented nationwide and have had

a positive impact on local artists and their surrounding neighborhoods. Two Artspace live/work projects were catalysts in the renaissance of Saint Paul's Lowertown neighborhood in the 1990s. What once resembled a ghost town has now become the city's fastest-growing neighborhood.

Buffalo's Artspace project created homes for 60 artists and their families and studio space for them to work. There is 9,000 square feet of commercial space on

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the street level for a gallery, offices and arts-related businesses. An outdoor common area is available to the artists, complete with an Artspace Garden.

For more information on Artspace Buffalo and other Artspace projects please visit

www.artspace.org.

