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Elgin Artspace Lofts Ribbon-Cutting & Grand Opening Celebration Scheduled for June 27

Free Event Features Open Studios, Live Performances

Artspace announced the schedule for the June 27 ribbon-cutting and grand opening celebration of the new Elgin Artspace Lofts at 51 South Spring Street in Elgin, IL. The event marks the official opening of the project, a $15.2 million mixed-use building with 55 units of affordable live/work space for artists and their families, plus more than 5,000 square feet of non-residential and community space for arts-friendly businesses and nonprofit organizations. The celebration begins at 5:30 pm, with brief remarks scheduled for 6:00 pm.

A number of local officials and sponsors will be on hand for the celebration. Scheduled to speak are Senator Mike Noland from the 22nd District, Representative Keith Farnham from the 43rd District, Kane County Board Chairman Chris Lauzen, Elgin Mayor Dave Kaptain, former Elgin Mayor Ed Shock, Artspace President Kelley Lindquist, Kristine Jurmu, from Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Executive Director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Mary Kenney, and Kevin Kirby, Vice President, Energy Efficiency Programs, AGL Resources, Inc. representing Nicor Gas. The event is sponsored in part by Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

The celebration continues after the remarks with free performances by local artists, open art studios, food and refreshments. Scheduled performers include Elgin Artspace residents Ben Rocha, Jonathan Bolda, Alex Raleigh and Charmaine Mcallister. Food is being provided by In

The Neighborhood Deli and The Culinary Fox. Members of the community will have the opportunity to tour Elgin Artspace Lofts from 6:30 to 8:00 pm as resident artists open their studios to guests attending the event.

Elgin Artspace Lofts, a mix of historic preservation and new construction, is fully occupied and features numerous amenities for its resident artists and is expected to be a catalyst for further development in downtown Elgin.

“We’re thrilled to celebrate the opening of Elgin Artspace Lofts the same week we celebrate the opening of the Karcher Artspace Lofts in nearby Waukegan,” said Artspace President Kelley Lindquist. “Artspace is dedicated to creating and preserving affordable space for individual artists and arts organizations, and both of these projects are wonderful assets for the artists and residents of both communities.”

About Artspace

For more than 30 years, Artspace has brought its hard-earned expertise to more than 200 cultural facility planning efforts from coast to coast. Of these projects, 33 have been developed and are owned and operated by Artspace itself, representing a unique, $600 million investment in America’s arts infrastructure. With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Seattle and Washington D.C., Artspace is America’s leading developer of arts facilities. To date we have completed nearly 2,000 affordable live/work units for artists and their families as well as more than a million square feet of non-residential space for artists and arts organizations. Additional information is available at www.artspace.org.

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