



For Immediate Release:
September 9, 2013
Release #0020

Contact:
Melodie Bahan, V.P. Communications
Artspace 612.850.8219
melodie.bahan@artspace.org

ARTSPACE JACKSON FLATS NEARS COMPLETION NOW LEASING THREE-BEDROOM UNITS

Affordable live/work space for artists with families opening in Minneapolis' Northeast Arts Corridor – Incentive available for three-bedroom units

Artspace Jackson Flats (Jac Flats), an affordable live/work development for artists and their families, is nearing completion in Northeast Minneapolis and applications for spacious three-bedroom units are now being accepted. Construction is expected to be complete in October, with units available for occupancy by November 1, 2013.

Three-Bedrooms Available

Jac Flats, a new four-story, 69,000-square-foot structure, contains 35 affordable live/work units designed for artists and their families. Twelve three-bedroom, two-bathroom units remain available. Located at 901 18 ½ Avenue NE, one block west of Central Avenue, Jac Flats is in walking distance to cafes, restaurants, and grocery stores and is located on a major bus line.

Amenities for Artists

Designed specifically with artists in mind, Jac Flats features open floor plans, durable surfaces, high ceilings, expansive windows, in-unit washer/dryer and off-street parking. The building also features multiple exhibition spaces, with a large central gallery/performance space.

Jac Flats is accepting applications for 12 three-bedroom, two-bathroom units from income-qualifying artists who are interested in high quality, affordable housing in a

community of artists. Three-bedroom units average 1,350 square feet; rents range from \$1,070 to \$1,183, far below the market rate in Minneapolis' very competitive rental market. To qualify, household incomes must be less than 60% of the Area Median Income and must include three or more people.

An occupancy preference is in place for demonstrating a commitment to the creative arts. How much income (if any) a qualifying applicant earns from his or her artistic pursuit is not a factor. An artist's creative work need not be the applicant's occupation or source of income. It is customary for artists to work in another field to support themselves, their dependents, and their art form. Artspace is especially interested in individuals who are committed to building community and will give some of their time and energy toward this goal.

An Artist shall be defined as:

- A person who works in, or is skilled in any of the fine arts, including but not limited to, painting, drawing, sculpture, book arts, printmaking and mixed media.
- A person who creates imaginative works of aesthetic value, including but not limited to literature, poetry, photography, music composition, choreography, architecture, film and video.
- A person who creates functional art, including but not limited to metal, textiles, paper, wood, ceramic, culinary arts, glass or plastic objects.
- A performer or theatrical artist, including but not limited to, singers, dancers, musicians, actors, performance artists; costume, lighting, sound, and set designers.
- In all art disciplines, a designer, technician, craftsperson, teacher or administrator who is dedicated to using their expertise within the community to support, promote, present, and/or teach and propagate their art form through events, activities, performances and classes.

To help artists and their families make the transition to new space, any artist who qualifies for a three-bedroom unit before October 31 will receive a \$500 credit against their first month rent.

Information packets and applications are available at www.artspace.org/jacksonflats.

About Artspace

With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Seattle and Washington, DC, Artspace is America's leader in artist-led community transformation with 33 projects in operation in 13 states. Artspace Minnesota properties include the Northern Warehouse Artists' Cooperative, 653 Artist Lofts and the Tilsner Artists' Cooperative in St. Paul; the Traffic Zone Center for Visual Art, Grain Belt Studios, Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center and The Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts in Minneapolis; Washington Studios in Duluth; Franklin Arts Center in Brainerd; and Kaddatz Artists Lofts in Fergus Falls. To date Artspace has completed more than 1,500 affordable live/work units for artists and their families as well as a million square feet of non-residential space for artists, arts organizations and creative enterprises. Additional information is available at www.artspace.org.

#