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ARTSPACE HAMILTON LOFTS ANNOUNCES COMMERCIAL TENANTS

Artspace and Neighborhood Housing Services of Hamilton are pleased to announce that three tenants have been secured for the non-residential space at Artspace Hamilton Lofts in Hamilton, Ohio. The Almond Sisters Bakery, Unsung Salvage Design Company and Renaissance Fine Art Supplies will occupy commercial spaces in the building, adding to the active and vibrant downtown.

“We are thrilled to have commitments from three great organizations while we’re still under construction,” said Sarah White, Director of Property Development for Artspace. “The owners of each of these businesses have been great partners in working with Artspace and NHS to develop Artspace Hamilton Lofts and they’ll each be a tremendous asset to the project and the community.”

Hamilton City Council Member Tim Naab announced the three tenants last night to members of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce at a reception at the Mercantile Lofts Atrium, next door to the site of the Artspace Hamilton Lofts.

The **Almond Sisters Bakery** is owned by Hamilton natives Jenni Hubbard and Brandi Carder, who have dreamed of starting a family business in their hometown. Utilizing their passion for the arts and baking, they will provide an environment that inspires

creativity as well as produce fresh, handmade artisan baked goods to the growing community. <https://www.facebook.com/Almondsisters>.

Unsung Salvage Design is more than a company name; it is an ideal. With a vision of bringing new life to forgotten objects and spaces through creative design, the owners of this family business – Dondi Carder, Jason Carder, Justin Carder and Scott Hubbard – believe that their custom furniture and original accent pieces should be creative and unique. Along with furniture, Unsung also creates custom screen printed t-shirts, posters and other digital media under their Unsung Ink label. With Unsung, every piece and every creation can be given new life, and redeemed.

<http://unsungsalvagedesign.com/>

Renaissance Fine Art Supplies, Ltd. (RFAS) is the place where creativity begins. With the motto “Where Quality Drives Creativity,” owners Rick Jones (currently the Executive Director of the Fitton Center for Creative Arts) and Chris Jones will offer a large array of artists’ supplies and materials, serving the needs of all levels of artists from beginner to professional. RFAS will be a local resource for artists focusing on quality supplies and materials not available within a 25-mile radius and 45-minute drive from Hamilton, Ohio.

Artspace Hamilton Lofts, an \$11.8 million project, will create 42 artist live/work units, plus 3,000 square feet of ground floor commercial space. The project is currently under construction, with completion expected in Spring 2015.

Project funding sources include the City of Hamilton, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Development Services Agency, the Hamilton Community Foundation and US Bank, as well as generous donations from individuals.

About Artspace

Artspace is the nation's leader in artist-led community transformation, with 35 projects in operation across the country and another dozen in development, 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 and has served as a consultant to hundreds of communities and arts organizations nationwide. To date we have completed more than 1,000 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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