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# ARTSPACE UPTOWN ARTIST LOFTS TO SPONSOR LOCAL ARTISTS FOR MICHIGAN CITY'S FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

**Three artists selected for three live art events July through September**

Artspace is pleased to announce ART/Watch – live art demonstrations during Michigan City's First Friday Art Walk. Three ART/Watch events will take place in front of the Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts at 717 Franklin Street, Michigan City, Indiana. Each ART/Watch will be from 5:00 to 9:00 pm on July 3, August 7, and September 4, 2015.

Three artists from Indiana and Chicago have been selected to showcase their art process for the public, in an open-air studio staged on the public sidewalk. The artists will complete a new artwork that will be displayed inside the building's storefronts for public viewing until the building's Grand Opening in 2016.

Artists Emily Weihing, Jason Wonnell and Miguel A. Del Real represent a range of disciplines including photography, collage, various printing processes, and painting.

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

July 3 featured artist: Emily Weihing is an artist earning an MFA from Indiana University Bloomington. She proposes to make a large triptych by bringing specimens from nature and sourcing everyday found objects to reproduce decorative silhouettes onto 30" x 40" cotton paper sheets. These sheets will hang on a drying line and develop in the sunlight while Weihing determines the final composition for her cyanotype print on 30" x 90" plywood.

August 7 featured artist: Jason Wonnell is an MFA candidate from the Indiana University Bloomington and his art investigates identity and how consumerism culture defines us as individuals. With his proposal, he plans a 4ft x 8ft mixed media on plywood using stencils, woodcut relief, and silkscreen to be completed on site. Wonnell's spray-painted collages are a whimsical approach illustrating the overwhelming feeling of cultural and social directives from advertisements and brands.

September 4 featured artist: Miguel A. Del Real is a Chicago muralist interested in creating a 4ft x 8ft mural celebrating the energy of summer with his signature calligraphy and Indigenous style incorporating inks, acrylics, and aerosol paints. Del Real's paintings reflect tribal art and movement expressed with a contemporary urban art aesthetic and materials.

This project is possible thanks to the assistance of the Michigan City Public Art Committee, Community Arts Partnership, and Prince Gallery.

**ABOUT ARTSPACE UPTOWN ARTIST LOFTS**

Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts is a sustainable, mixed-use, community arts project in downtown Michigan City, Indiana. Now under construction, the project will transform the vacant Warren Building into an affordable live/work facility containing 44 units of housing for low income artists and their families, resident gallery exhibition space, and approximately 5,400 sq.ft. of commercial space for creative businesses and arts organizations, all located in the nationally-designated Franklin Street Historic District of downtown Michigan City.

The project is scheduled for occupancy in Spring 2016. Residential tenant lease-up activities will begin in Fall 2015. Sign up for property updates at artspace.org/michigancity. Commercial leasing is currently underway, for more info contact Sarah White: sarah.white@artspace.org.

**ABOUT ARTSPACE**

Artspace is the nation's leader in artist-led community transformation, with more than 35 projects in operation across the country and another dozen in development, representing a unique, $500 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 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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