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ARTSPACE LOVELAND LOFTS CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING FEBRUARY 11

Public celebration scheduled from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Artspace is pleased to announce the Grand Opening celebration for Artspace Loveland Lofts, scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 4:00 pm in Loveland, Colorado. The ceremony will take place at the Lofts at 140 W. 3rd Street.

Among those scheduled to appear at the ceremony are Loveland Mayor Cecil Gutierrez; Sam Betters, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Loveland; Alison George, Director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs – Division of Housing; Cris White, Executive Director and CEO of the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority; Roger Clark, Vice President of the Erion Foundation Board of Directors; Sandra Gisonti, Resident Artists at Artspace Loveland Lofts; Greg Handberg, Senior VP of Artspace; and Shannon Joern, Senior Director of National Advancement for Artspace.

Brief remarks are scheduled for 4:30, followed by a reception in the Loveland Lofts Gallery and Open Studios from 5:30 to 7:00. Local musician Roger James is scheduled to perform, with catering and beverages provided by Generations Wine & Martini Bar, and Crow Hop Brewery.

“We’ve come a long way from our groundbreaking just two years ago,” said Artspace Senior Vice President Greg Handberg. “We’re tremendously grateful to our partners, and excited for the artists in Loveland, and we look forward to celebrating the opening of this beautiful space with them.”

Loveland Artspace Arts Campus is a sustainable, mixed-use, community arts campus project in downtown Loveland, consisting of three parts: a new 30-unit affordable live/work facility for low income artists and their families; the historic Loveland Feed & Grain Building, which will be transformed into a home for artist entrepreneurs and creative businesses; and landscaped outdoor community space tying the two buildings together as one arts campus. Artspace continues to advance the second component of the Loveland Artspace Arts Campus, the renovation of the historic Feed & Grain into a creative sector incubator facility, which is expected to begin construction later in 2016.

Finance partners for this project include the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, the Housing Authority of the City of Loveland, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs – Division of Housing, and the Wells Fargo Community Lending & Investment. Lead philanthropic support was provided by Judith Aranow, the Erion Foundation, Phil and Janice Farley, the Bruce and Muriel Hach Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado; the Hiatt Family Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado; Linda and Thomas Ligon; the Loveland Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, the Loveland Housing Authority, Teresa and Paul Mueller, Andy and Suzanne Peterson, Jan and Mel Schockner, and Earl and Lis Sethre.

About Artspace

Artspace is non-profit organization that uses the tools of real estate development to create affordable, appropriate places where artists can live and work. We consistently develop these projects in ways that also support more stable, healthy communities anchored in existing assets. Because Artspace owns each of the projects it develops, we are able to ensure that they remain affordable and accessible to artists in perpetuity. Over the last three decades, Artspace has led an accelerating national movement of artist-led community transformation. While embracing the value the arts bring to individual lives, Artspace has championed the once-radical idea that artists living on the edge of poverty and chronically underfunded arts organizations can leverage fundamental social change. 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. Additional information is available at www.artspace.org.

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