

# TK ARTIST LOFTS/ TASHIRO ARTS BUILDING

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## PROJECT DETAILS

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**Owner** Artspace Projects, Inc.

**Architect** Stickney Murphy Romine Architects

**Financing** City of Seattle Office of Housing; Glaser Financial Group, Inc.; Impact Capital; Paramount Financial Group, Inc.; RBC Dain Rauscher, Inc.; U.S. Bancorp; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Washington State Housing Finance Commission; Washington State Housing Trust Fund

**Funders** 4Culture; The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation; Building for the Arts; Raynier Institute & Foundation; Seattle Foundation; South Downtown Foundation; U.S. Bancorp Foundation; Washington Mutual Foundation

**Development Partner** Pioneer Square Community Association

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## OVERVIEW

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Seattle's Pioneer Square Historic District has long been a neighborhood of artists. In the 1990s, market forces began driving artists out of the area at an alarming rate. Hoping to preserve Pioneer Square's status as an arts district, the Pioneer Square Community Development Organization invited Artspace to transform two turn-of-the-century buildings, the Tashiro and the Kaplan, into facilities for artists.

The mostly residential Tashiro Kaplan Artist Lofts created 50 affordable live/work apartments, each with 800 to 1,800 square feet, plentiful light and flexible floor plans to accommodate artists of many disciplines.

The Tashiro Arts Building houses 28 commercial arts-related entities, including 4Culture, a public development authority of Seattle; individual artist working studios; artist exhibit co-ops and some of the most prestigious commercial galleries in Seattle. A thriving coffee shop is located on the ground floor.

## PROJECT DETAILS (CONTINUED)

**Total Area** 129,624 sq. ft.

**Commercial Area** 58,885 sq. ft.

**Number of Units** 50

**Total Development Cost** \$16.5M

# artspace

### AMERICA'S LEADER IN ARTIST-LED COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Artspace is a nonprofit organization that uses the tools of real estate development to create affordable places where artists can live and work. Artspace consistently develops these projects in ways that support stable, healthy communities, anchored in existing assets. Because Artspace owns each of the projects it develops, they are able to ensure that the spaces remain affordable and accessible to artists in perpetuity. With 50+ projects developed over the last three decades, Artspace has supported artist-led community transformation, representing a \$653 million investment in America's arts infrastructure. While embracing the value the arts bring to individual lives, Artspace has championed the once-radical idea that both artists living with financial hardship, and chronically underfunded arts organizations, can leverage fundamental social change. With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in Denver, 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.

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Together they have created close to 130,000 square feet of permanently affordable space for the arts, and by preserving these two historic buildings for artists and arts-friendly organizations they have helped maintain Pioneer Square's distinctive character. Tashiro Kaplan is now at the heart of Seattle's legendary First Thursday Art Walk, drawing thousands of visitors to Pioneer Square each month.

*"The TK filled the first floor with active businesses and sidewalk life. You felt safer because now there were people moving into and out of the businesses after dark .... Before, that part of Pioneer Square had very little activity except for people passing through — going through it to get from A to B."*

— Nora Liu, City of Seattle,  
Department of Planning and Development

