

Artspace Franklin Arts Center in Brainerd, MN, to Observe a Decade in Operation with Community Celebration 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9, Free and Open to the Public

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Minneapolis, June 28, 2018— Artspace invites the public to a 10th anniversary celebration of the Artspace Franklin Arts Center (1001 Kingwood St., Brainerd, MN 56401), a former junior high school that Artspace transformed into a mixed-use arts hub. The lively arts community located in the building is collectively hosting this community event, underwritten by Brutger Equities, Inc., from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9. Free and open to the public, guests can tour several artist live/work studios, shop for local arts and crafts, view an exhibition at the on-site community gallery, and see live performances. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will also be available. RSVPs are encouraged via www.artspace.org/our-places/franklin-arts-center.



“Part of Artspace’s mission is to sustain space for artists and arts organizations, and we are delighted to celebrate the Artspace Franklin Arts Center, which has provided the creative community in Brainerd with affordable arts spaces for 10 years now,” said Erika Dani, the Artspace Asset Manager who oversees the Brainerd property. “The public is invited to sample an abundant smorgasbord of arts experiences provided by the creative enclave in the Artspace Franklin Arts Center, from resident apartments and the gallery to music performances and the chance to shop local.”

The Artspace Franklin Arts Center boasts 25 live/work units for artists and their families, as well as some 20 commercial arts spaces that include a nonprofit theater company; a health and wellness center; a pottery collective; working studios dedicated to design, woodworking, photography, and yarn arts; and more.

About Artspace Projects, Inc.

Artspace’s mission is to create, foster, and preserve affordable and sustainable space for artists and arts organizations. Artspace was founded in 1979 to support artists being displaced by rising costs--the unintended consequences of the positive community changes that they inspired. Through both the adaptive reuse of historic buildings and new construction projects, Artspace creates affordable places for artists, as well as moderately scaled arts organizations and other creative enterprises, and retains ownership to ensure that the buildings remain

permanently affordable, mission focused, and high quality. Today, Artspace's unique portfolio includes 50 projects nationwide, many of which are located in culturally distinct communities, representing more than \$600 million invested in America's infrastructure. Artspace properties ensure that creative communities flourish, benefitting the neighborhoods where they reside. With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in Denver, New Orleans, New York, Seattle, and Washington D.C., Artspace is renowned as America's leading nonprofit real estate developer for the arts and arts-based community development. Artspace also leverages its expertise to support the next generation of transformative art spaces, with a robust consulting division that has worked on more than 250 projects coast to coast, including city-wide planning projects, arts districts, and more. Embracing the value that the arts bring to individual lives, Artspace champions the once-radical idea that the arts can leverage fundamental social change. For more information, please visit www.artspace.org.

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