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RiNo Art District Teams with Menalto Development on New Artist Residency Program

Call for Artists Open Through May 21 for Work Residences Through September 2021

DENVER (May 19, 2020) – [RiNo Art District](#), a 501(c)(6) nonprofit grassroots arts organization dedicated to fostering a welcoming, creative community where a diversity of artists, residents and businesses thrive, today announced they have partnered with Menalto Development to convert an underutilized warehouse at 3722 Chestnut Pl. into temporary studio spaces through a new artist residency program called ‘No Vacancy’.

The program, which is [accepting artist proposals](#) now through May 21, will create a highly collaborative group art installation experience that will build over time, based on the contributions of the artists involved.

“Many people know this area for the visual art that’s represented in our mural programs, but this area is home to so many talented artists across a variety of media, and ‘No Vacancy’ will showcase the incredible diversity of talent here,” said Tracy Weil, executive director of RiNo Art District. “At RiNo Art District, our goal is to find opportunities to bring people together through creativity and culture. Through our partnership with companies like Menalto Development, we’re not only making connections between artists, we’re connecting members of our business community who have space with artists who need it. Collaborations like this are helping to build a stronger, more vibrant arts district.”

Menalto Development’s 10,000-square-foot warehouse, formerly a mechanical parts distribution center, features two large bays, each of which will be used as a working studio space for two artists at a time for a one-month residency. The rest of the building will be available as a blank canvas for the artists to show their work and create installations. RiNo Art District is seeking a wide range of artists for the program – from muralists to projectionists, performance art to sculpture, digital art and beyond. New artists will be rotated in every month through September, resulting in a total of 16 one-month residencies for local artists.

Artists chosen to take part in ‘No Vacancy’ will be given a \$2,500 stipend and the ability to sell the work they create there or to exhibit their pieces. ‘No Vacancy’ will take no commission on sales or donations. Artists will have access to the studio 24 hours a day and are encouraged to hold open houses for their work. In addition to having their own studio space, the artists are invited to make their mark on a larger, 3,400-square-foot cumulative exhibition space that will remain for the duration of the project.

‘No Vacancy’ will kick off June 1 for selected artists and run through September. The public is invited to First Friday art showings beginning in July. Artists who are interested in [participating should apply by May 21](#). For more information, visit www.rinoartdistrict.org/do/no-vacancy-call-for-artists.



About RiNo Art District

RiNo Art District is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to fostering a welcoming, creative community where a diversity of artists, residents and businesses thrive. The district is inclusive of five historical neighborhoods: Globeville, Elyria-Swansea, Five Points and Cole. Over the last decade, RiNo Art District has helped form both a Business Improvement District (BID) and General Improvement District (GID) and a community arts educational nonprofit (Keep RiNo Wild) to support the local community. Together, the RiNo Art District family of organizations fund and support the Denver community through advocacy, infrastructure improvements, artist support, community programming, business support, and events. To learn more, please visit rinoartdistrict.org and follow on Facebook and Instagram at @rinoartdistrict and Twitter at @rinoart.

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