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RiNo Art District Announces Artists for New Residency Program

16 artists selected for 'No Vacancy' will exhibit at First Friday open houses planned through September

DENVER (June 9, 2021) – [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 the artists selected for 'No Vacancy,' a new artist residency program launched by the district in partnership with Menalto Development.

“As a result of this unique partnership with Menalto Development, we’re able to not only bring new life to this warehouse and provide much-needed space for local artists to create, we will hopefully help broaden the public’s idea of the kinds of art they can find in RiNo Art District,” said Tracy Weil, executive director of RiNo Art District. “We received more than 100 applications for these residencies, and we can’t wait for the community to experience the diverse talent represented by the 16 artists selected.”

The program, which converts an underutilized 10,000-square-foot warehouse at 3722 Chestnut Pl. into temporary studio spaces, fosters a highly collaborative group art experience that will build over the course of the 16 one-month residencies that will take place there, based on the contributions of the artists involved, which include sculptors, performance artists and mixed-media specialists, among others.

Resident artists will each 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 selected for 'No Vacancy' include:

- OddKnock Productions
- PS.Design
- Forge
- Deborah Jang
- Hanimal
- Mar Williams
- SPEAKS
- Pixel Vision
- Johnny Draco
- Bzurk
- Mitch Hoffman
- Chris Haven
- Shadows Gather
- Andi Todaro
- Diana & Jeff Merkel



- EII
- Waffle Cone Club

'No Vacancy' will run through September. The first artists in residency, Johnny Draco, Shadows Gather and PS.Design, will begin creating in the space in June. The public is invited to First Friday art showings of their work beginning in July. Follow @RiNoArtDistrict on Instagram and Facebook or @RiNoArt on Twitter for more information.

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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