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RiNo Art District Announces Artists for The Second Year of “NO VACANCY” Artist Residency Program

In partnership with EDENS and sponsored by Davis Partnership Architects and Ratio Beerworks, five artists will transform vacant Five Points warehouse into a dynamic pop-up artist exhibition

DENVER (May 2, 2023) – [RiNo Art District](#), a 501(c)(6) nonprofit arts organization dedicated to fostering a welcoming, creative community where a diversity of artists, residents and businesses thrive, today announced the artists selected for the second year of its “NO VACANCY” artist residency program, which will run through the beginning of June.

“Beyond showcasing some of the incredible artistic talent we have in the community, ‘NO VACANCY’ is a great example of the kind of creative collaboration that happens when we give artists the space and opportunity to create freely and push their practice,” said Alye Sharpe, deputy director of RiNo Art District. “As Denver continues to grow and change, we hope that more developers and businesses will follow suit and find unique opportunities to partner with the many artists who are creating here in the District.”

As part of the program, selected artists will have access to individual pop-up spaces within the 9,200-square-foot warehouse at 2550 Larimer St. in Denver’s Five Points neighborhood. Artists will each receive a \$8,500 stipend to create and collaborate on activations. The program will culminate in several to-be-announced artist-led activations in coming weeks, including a First Friday viewing on June 2. All programming announcements will be shared on the residency Instagram channel, [@novacancyrino](#).

Artists were selected by a committee of past “NO VACANCY” artists, RiNo Art District board members and staff through a competitive application process which drew nearly 100 applicants. Artists were selected based on strength of their respective proposals, focus on collaboration, desire to push their practice, overall artistic diversity, and interactivity with the community.

The five artists selected for “NO VACANCY” include:

- [Taylor Madgett](#) (@bootaytays)
- [Mackenzie Urban](#) (@mackenzie.urban.art)
- [Jonathan Saiz](#) (@jonathan.saiz)
- [Isaac Jordan Lee](#) (@isaacjordanlee)
- [Phillip David Stearns](#) (@_pixelform_)

“I’m honored to have been selected as an artist for ‘NO VACANCY,’ especially since it’s my first residency program,” said artist Taylor Madgett, who will create an immersive installation called “Dance Canvas.” “Through an exploration of mediums including street dance, projection, and acrylic paint, my installation will focus on capturing the euphoria and freedom of dance onto canvas and explore what happens when humans experience emotions through dance. The “Dance Canvas” allows the physical energy of dance



to be transformed into visual art, with movements represented by physical brushstrokes, allowing the body to become the paintbrush on an oversized canvas drop cloth.”

“NO VACANCY” is hosted in partnership with the property owner, [EDENS](#), and sponsored by Davis Partnership Architects and Ratio Beerworks. The space, formerly the IMAC building, is currently vacant and slated for demolition this summer. Support from EDENS, Davis Partnership Architects and Ratio Beerworks will allow the artists of ‘NO VACANCY’ to write the final chapter for the building.

“EDENS is proud to work alongside the RiNo Art District and our community of creatives to foster a collaborative model with lasting impact,” said Tom Kiler, managing director at EDENS. “As placemakers, enriching communities through human engagement is the forefront of our mission at EDENS, and ‘NO VACANCY’ represents the essential integration of arts here in Five Points and our broader city.”

Follow [@novacancyrino](#) on Instagram to get updates and learn more about this year’s 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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