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SPACEWORKS ANNOUNCES LOTTERY FOR NYC VISUAL ARTISTS TO WORK IN NEW STUDIOS AT WILLIAMSBURGH BRANCH OF THE BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Actively Practicing Visual Artists can Apply Now through July 31, 2014

Three artists will be selected from an open lottery for opportunity to rent affordable workspaces in a new renovated, multi-arts use facility

(BROOKLYN) - Spaceworks, a not-for-profit cultural space development organization, announces a call for entries to its **Williamsburg studio lottery**. In partnership with Brooklyn Public Library, Spaceworks is creating three visual art studios at the library's Williamsburgh branch, located at 240 Division Avenue in the heart of one of Brooklyn's most exciting creative communities. Spaceworks is redeveloping the second floor of Brooklyn Public Library's Carnegie-era Williamsburg neighborhood branch into approximately 4,000 square feet of artist work space including visual art studios and rehearsal spaces. The new facility is slated to open in January 2015.

The artist studios at the Williamsburgh branch will range in size from 180 to 225 square feet. All studios are private with large windows, and artists will have access to a shared kitchenette. These studios will be rented to visual artists for \$350 to 400 per month.

Selection Process

Dedicated to equity and accessibility, Spaceworks does not curate the use of the space; visual artist renters will be selected by lottery process. To be eligible for the lottery, artists must complete an application to demonstrate an active artistic practice, as determined by an application including an artist statement, resume, and work samples. Applications selected by the lottery will be reviewed by an Intake Advisory Committee, comprised of artists and leaders from the field, who will help verify that an applicant has an active artistic practice. Artists selected will be eligible to sign a one-year rental agreement for a studio at the Williamsburgh branch. Renters in good standing after one year will have the option to renew.

All New York City resident visual artists are invited to apply. There is no fee to enter the lottery. All entries are collected online at spaceworksnyc.org. Applications for entry must be received by 11:59 PM on July 31, 2014.

OPEN HOUSE: July 15, 4 – 8pm

All prospective applicants are invited to attend an open house and informational session, hosted by Spaceworks, to be held July 15, 4 - 8pm at the Williamsburgh branch, 240 Division Ave. For more information and application materials, visit www.spaceworksnyc.org or call 718.408.4755.

About Spaceworks

Spaceworks is a nonprofit organization created in 2011 to develop long-term, affordable rehearsal and visual art studios citywide. The organization is currently engaged in currently in development that will create approximately 30,000 square feet of affordable work space for New York City artists over the next two years.

Spaceworks operates two active artist workspace facilities in Brooklyn and Queens:

- **Spaceworks Long Island City**, located at 33-02 Skillman Avenue, featuring three rehearsal rooms and one music studio. Spaceworks LIC opened in August 2013, and has since served more than 300 music, dance, and theater makers.
- **Spaceworks Gowanus**, located at 540 President Street, featuring the organization's headquarters plus two visual artist studio spaces and additional creative co-working spaces.

Spaceworks projects in pre-development include:

- The renovation of a portion of **Brooklyn Public Library's Red Hook branch** for two theater and dance rehearsal spaces (projected completion 2015.)
- The renovation of **Building 301 on Governors Island**, which will create approximately 20,000 square feet of artist workspace including 43 visual art studios and a rehearsal/performance space (projected completion 2015).

Spaceworks receives public and private support from The New York City Department of Cultural Affairs; ArtPlace America; The Charles H. Revson Foundation; The New York Community Trust; The Ford Foundation; The Andy Warhol Foundation; The Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation; The Lily Auchincloss Foundation; and Time Warner.

For more information about Spaceworks, visit www.spaceworksnyc.org.

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