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## **SPACEWORKS RECEIVES MAJOR GRANT FROM CHARLES H. REVSON FOUNDATION**

### **Multi-year grant will help support development of critical artist workspace infrastructure in New York City**

(BROOKLYN) - Spaceworks, a not-for-profit cultural space development organization, has received a three-year, \$300,000 grant from the Charles H. Revson Foundation to support the organization as it develops new affordable workspaces for New York City artists and works to animate those spaces through partnerships with cultural and community-based organizations.

“In just a few years, Spaceworks has developed, piloted, and implemented a new model for securing workspace for artists in New York City,” said Julie Sandorf, president of the Revson Foundation. “We are proud to be supporting their work.”

The Charles H. Revson Foundation, established in 1956, operates grant programs in Urban Affairs, Jewish Life, Biomedical Research, and Education. The Urban Affairs program focuses on projects that enhance New York City’s vitality as a leading and livable urban capital; it continually seeks opportunities to strengthen the city’s pluralistic communities and civic spaces, re-envisioning public libraries, affordable housing, and local public affairs journalism to cultivate knowledgeable, creative urban residents.

Spaceworks was started as an initiative of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs to address the need for affordable, long-term workspaces for performing and visual artists to support the cultural and economic health of New York City’s neighborhoods. Spaceworks opened its first facilities in Long Island City, Queens and the Gowanus neighborhood in Brooklyn in 2013, and is now engaged in development at two Brooklyn Public Library branches and Building 301 on Governors Island, bringing to life a combined sum of 40,000 square feet of new space dedicated to artists.

Dedicated to equity and accessibility, Spaceworks offers its spaces at low hourly rental rates to dance, theater, and music makers. Visual artist renters are selected for eligibility via studio lottery to sign a one-year rental agreements.

Artists can view all of Spaceworks available spaces and book online at [www.spaceworksnyc.org](http://www.spaceworksnyc.org).

### **About Spaceworks**

Spaceworks is a nonprofit organization created to develop long-term, affordable rehearsal and visual art studios citywide.

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

- **Spaceworks Long Island City**, located at 33-02 Skillman Avenue, features three dance/theater 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, offers two visual artist studio spaces and four creative co-working spaces.

Spaceworks projects in pre-development include:

- The renovation of the top floor of the **Brooklyn Public Library's Williamsburgh branch** for two rehearsal spaces and four visual art studios.
- The renovation of a portion of **Brooklyn Public Library's Red Hook branch** for two theater and dance rehearsal spaces.
- 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.

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

For more information about Spaceworks, visit [www.spaceworksnyc.org](http://www.spaceworksnyc.org).

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