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SPACEWORKS RECEIVES GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS TO SUBSIDIZE DANCE REHEARSALS

\$20,000 grant will enable Spaceworks to provide \$10 per hour rate for dance rehearsals at its Long Island City facility

(BROOKLYN) - Spaceworks, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to expanding the supply of long-term, affordable rehearsal and visual arts studio space in all five boroughs of New York City, has received a \$20,000 grant from the New York State Council for the Arts (NYSCA) with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

The grant will subsidize up to 4,000 hours of rehearsal studio time booked in 2015 by New York City dancers and dance companies at Spaceworks Long Island City, 33-02 Skillman Ave. With NYSCA support, Spaceworks will offer a \$10 per hour rate for bookings in its three studios designated for dance. The rate will be available starting January 1, 2015.

In 2014, Spaceworks Long Island City was used by more than 400 individual artists and ensembles working in dance, theater and music. The facility features three dance/theater rehearsal studios and a music rehearsal studio. The regular rental rates are \$12 to \$16 per hour. Artists can access the space with a free Spaceworks Card, which is available to all NYC artists. Using an innovative online booking system, space can be reserved online up to six months in advance or as little as 24 hours before a desired time.

Spaceworks was started as an initiative of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs to address the need for affordable, stabilize and reliable workspaces for performing and visual artists. Dedicated to equity and accessibility, Spaceworks offers its spaces at low hourly rental rates to dance, theater, and music makers.

Artists can view all of Spaceworks available spaces and book online at 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 400 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. Opening in 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.
- The renovation of a portion of **Brooklyn Public Library's Red Hook branch** for two theater and dance rehearsal/multi-purpose spaces.

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

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

For more information about New York State Council on the Arts, visit www.arts.ny.gov.

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