



Havre de Grace Arts Collective Has a New Home!

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The Havre de Grace Arts Collective is thrilled to announce that the organization will be moving to a new home at 220 N. Washington Street, the space historically known as The Artist Emporium, effective February 1, 2023.

The Artist Emporium had recently announced a December 31, 2022 closure of its gallery. However, thanks to the efforts of owner Robert Buden and the advocacy of local artists and other members of the community, the Arts Collective plans to re-open the gallery and studio space later this March (new name pending), offering it to artists of all disciplines as both a traditional commission-based gallery and co-operative exhibit space. For more information on becoming an exhibiting artist and/or leasing studio space, please visit <https://hdgartscollective.org/>.

In addition to reopening the gallery and studio, the Arts Collective plans to use their new location as headquarters for the bulk of its operations and Arts & Entertainment (A&E) District initiatives, as well as select programming such as:

- Expanded arts workshops for Youth, Veterans and military families, and a variety of other audiences
- Professional development seminars for independent and freelance artists
- Social gatherings and networking opportunities between creatives and business owners in support of the organization's A&E District goals
- The continuation of Arts Collective favorites such as "Thirsty Theater Thursdays"
- Limited-seating entertainment (live music and dance performances) and lecture series

Once these plans have been implemented, the Arts Collective also hopes to debut a new student-studio exchange program in partnership with regional colleges and universities that offer courses in art and arts management. This program would be an additional means of drawing emerging talent to Havre de Grace to learn and create alongside the area's established painters, designers, and sculptors.



“What we’re really looking to do [in this location] is to establish a foothold for the creative community in a way that contributes to the overall culture and economic vitality of Havre de Grace,” states Executive Director Katie Noe. “The Artist Emporium is a beautiful space, and will give us a huge opportunity to bring that vision to life.”

The Arts Collective plans to host a soft open on Friday, March 10th and a grand opening and reception on Friday, March 24th. Coupled with the organization’s Annual MasquerAid Fundraiser & Gala (Saturday, February 18th at the Havre de Grace Community Center), the next few months are guaranteed to be full of excitement, new partnerships, and new opportunities for the Arts Collective and all its supporters!

About the Havre de Grace Arts Collective:

The Havre de Grace Arts Collective is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization that brings arts and entertainment to the local community through events, programs, public art, community partnerships and more.

Our Mission:

To build community through the arts by providing quality entertainment that engages and attracts audiences; by offering educational opportunities which nurture learning and creativity; and by encouraging synergism among performing, cultural and visual arts groups, and stimulating economic vitality.

Our Vision:

The Havre de Grace Arts Collective will be recognized regionally as a catalyst, resource, and vital partner in the arts community, by nurturing learning and creativity while building a vibrant and inclusive arts scene through a commitment to excellence, diversity, and enrichment.

The Arts Collective is a 501(c)(3) organization created in July, 2017 to address the cultural and economic needs of Havre de Grace and the surrounding region.

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