

ARTSCAPE

A non-profit organization that creates space for the arts while building communities and revitalizing neighbourhoods.

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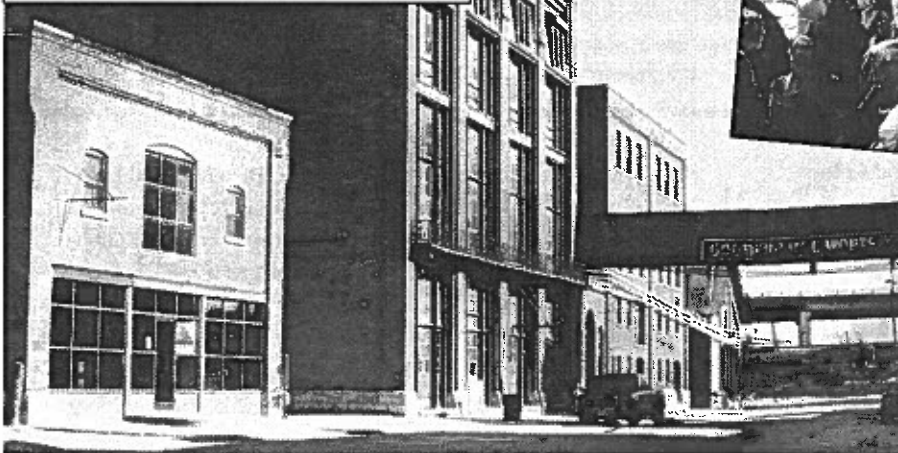
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Twenty Year Deal Gives Arts a Role in Revitalizing Former Distillery

After several months of negotiating with Cityscape Development Corporation, pitching the proposal to potential public and private sector partners and seeking the advice and interest of artists and non-profit arts organizations in the community, on March 25th Artscape was thrilled to announce a deal that will draw on the revitalizing impact of the arts to bring the historic Gooderham & Worts Distillery back to life. Over 200 people; artists, arts funders, prospective tenants, politicians, neighbours and friends of Artscape packed the Pure Spirits building at the former distillery to hear the exciting news.

The Cannery and Case Goods Buildings, comprising a total of eight floors and 72,000 square feet, will be designed, renovated and managed by Artscape, providing gallery and interactive workshop space on the ground floors and artist-run centre offices, artists work studios, rehearsal facilities and production areas above. Each building comes with a 20-year lease and rents well below market rates. Artscape Studios in The Distillery District will be home to a dynamic mix of 50 non profit organizations and individual artists. By the April 15 deadline, Artscape had received over 150 applications.

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Artscape announces plans to develop two buildings at the historic Gooderham & Worts into galleries, rehearsal facilities, artist work studios and offices for non-profit arts organizations.