



**CHARLOTTE STREET FOUNDATION'S
URBAN CULTURE PROJECT ANNOUNCES:**

**NEW STUDIO RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT CITY CENTER SQUARE
CALL TO PERFORMANCE-BASED ARTISTS**

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: MONDAY JUNE 22, 5:15PM
APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009

CSF's Urban Culture Project is pleased to announce the launch of a new facility as part of its Studio Residency Program for Kansas City area artists, which provides free studio space with 24-hour access to promising, dedicated artists in need of space in which to work among a community of peer artists. Located on the 5th Floor at City Center Square, 12th and Main, this new studio venue includes one large open space (approx 3,000 sq. feet) as well as approximately a dozen smaller private studios (each approx. 150 sq. ft.)

UCP intends to allocate the large, open space as a performance studio/rehearsal space, to be shared among a selection of performance-based artists and groups of artists. It is planned that a schedule, with dedicated weekly time slots for each artist/group of artists, will be collectively established following the selection of artists. In addition to establishing regular studio time slots for each artist/group, it is expected that open blocks of "flex time" may be signed up for on an as needed/desired basis, accommodating special projects and more intensive rehearsal schedules.

Some number of the smaller, lockable studios will serve as storage and prep space for participating performing artists. The remainder of the smaller studios will be designated for visual artists (to be invited to apply through a separate call.) The large space, flanked by large windows along one side, will be furnished with approx. eight 4x8x1ft. units of plywood stage.

Artists/groups of artists working in the realm of performance (music, dance, theater, spoken word, performance art, etc...) are encouraged to apply. Studio residents shall be selected by a curatorial panel through a competitive process. Artists will be granted space for a six month period, with an option to continue for a second six month period if desired, contingent on approval by UCP.

It is expected that each Third Friday, September-June, an Open Studios event will be held at the studios, in conjunction with UCP's nearby gallery openings and open studios at its other facilities, all within close walking distance. These Open Studios events might be an opportunity for performances, jam sessions, open rehearsals, prop-making parties, readings, screenings of past work, or other types activities involving public participation and interaction.

An informational meeting/open house will be held at City Center Square, 12th and Main, 5th floor, on **Monday, June 22 at 5:15pm**. This meeting will provide interested artists the opportunity to see the space, ask questions, and meet other interested artists. Artists interested in applying are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**.

Estimated timeline:

June 22 - Informational Meeting

June 30 – email of intent to apply sent to info@charlottestreet.org (requested, not required)

July 10 – applications due

July 24 – artists notified

Week of August 3 – group meeting; schedules solidified; move in begins

September – first Open Studios

February 2010 – 6 month review; submit requests for 6 month continuance if desired; move out for artists not continuing; move in for new artists

SEE APPLICATION FORM ON FOLLOWING PAGE.

These new UCP Studios at City Center Square are made possible through the generous support of Time Equities Inc. and the Winbury Group, with special thanks to Susan Moore.

Questions? Contact Kate Hackman, Associate Director, Charlotte Street Foundation, at 816.994.7731 or kate@charlottestreet.org.

An initiative of the Charlotte Street Foundation, Urban Culture Project creates new opportunities for artists of all disciplines and contributes to urban revitalization by transforming spaces in downtown Kansas City into new venues for multi-disciplinary contemporary arts programming. For more information, visit CSF's NEW website at www.charlottestreet.org.

**UCP CITY CENTER SQUARE STUDIOS
APPLICATION**

Name of artist or group _____

Designated lead artist/contact if group (required) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please attach the following:

1. Statement of interest (max 2 pages). Please describe:
 - a. your need and desire for space
 - b. your plans for how you would like to use the space
 - c. estimated amount of time per week you would like to use the space
 - d. your goals for participation in program and how it could help advance your artistic and professional development
 - e. any other relevant information you would like the panel to consider
2. Work samples – up to 10 minutes clips of past work on CD or DVD (VHS not accepted), from one or multiple performances
3. Work sample explanation (max 1 page) – brief description of clips submitted, including year produced
4. Artist statement (max 1 page)
5. Resume (max 3 pages)
6. List of projects/performances planned for August 2009-June 2010 if applicable
7. List of other artists in group and/or additional potential collaborators in studio
8. Names and contact info for 2 references

Mail to:

City Center Square Performing Artist Studios
c/o Charlotte Street Foundation
PO Box 10263
Kansas City MO 64171

Or deliver, Monday-Friday, 9-5pm, to:

Charlotte Street Foundation
1000 West 25th Street
Kansas City MO 64108
(816) 221.5115