



c3:initiative Finds a New Home in Downtown Arts District + Announces New Core Resident

Portland, OR - March 20, 2019 - This spring, c3:initiative begins the process of establishing a new, urban location on the North Park Blocks in downtown Portland. A late 2019 opening date is planned with construction, fundraising, and programming currently in the works.

With their move, the cultural and arts non-profit is looking forward to building on its six-year history of supporting creatives and resource sharing with peer organizations. c3:initiative has operated from a rented flex space in the North Portland neighborhood of St. Johns where they have supported the work of 80+ artists, and collaborated with numerous partners such as the Portland Art Museum and Disjecta Contemporary Art Center.

The new space has been purchased by the organization, and is located at 412 NW Eighth Avenue on the North Park Blocks. The site is uniquely situated between the Regional Arts & Culture Council offices, Pacific Northwest College of Art, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, Lumber Room, and several prominent gallery spaces.

Being in close proximity to so many collaborators will enable c3:initiative to provide an enriched experience to the creatives they work with. As an organization that strives to encourage thoughtful dialog via partnerships and public programs, the more central location and potential to participate in events like First Thursday will open the programs to expanded audiences. On site will be an artist residency space, flexible exhibition/studio/programmatic spaces, a resource room, and staff offices.

c3:initiative Director, Shir Ly Grisanti says: *This move symbolizes a moment of growth for the organization. You know something is right when all of the pieces fall into place easily. We are excited to continue our work nurturing new ambitious projects and fostering conversations around critical issues in both our new central urban space as well as our developing rural campus, Camp Colton. It is an honor to be able to claim space for the arts community at a moment when far too many are closing in Portland and around the country. As we plan future programs, we will make room for shared agency within the space. That may look like an arts administrators residency, a storefront residency, or a community gallery; we will be seeking input from our peers to consider what is most needed. c3:initiative will continue to be a place where dominant paradigms are questioned and brave conversations are had.*

Concurrent with the move, c3:initiative is excited to announce their new Core Resident, Cannupa Hanska Luger. The c3:Core Residency supports a creative with an adaptable residency that offers the space, time, and resources needed to make new work from concept to completion over an approximate two-year duration. It is a low residency program that connects the local community with nationally and internationally recognized persons through partnerships and programs. c3:initiative believes that art is a

springboard for dialog and throughout the residency we collaborate with our Core Resident to create programs that highlights the themes and concepts they are engaging.

Cannupa Hanska Luger is a New Mexico-based, multi-disciplinary artist. Raised on the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota, he is of Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, Lakota, Austrian, and Norwegian descent. Using social collaboration, and in response to timely and site-specific issues, Luger produces multi-pronged projects that take many forms. Through monumental installations that incorporate ceramics, video, sound, fiber, steel, and cut-paper, Luger interweaves performance and political action to communicate stories about 21st century Indigeneity. This work provokes diverse publics to engage with Indigenous peoples and values apart from the lens of colonial social structuring and oftentimes presents a call to action to protect land from capitalist exploits. In 2019 c3:initiative will host Cannupa for site visits and programs to connect with community members, fellow creatives, and partner organizations as this residency relationship commences.

Program and exhibition announcements for the opening of the new space are forthcoming as fundraising and capacity planning evolves. To learn more about the organization, get involved, and stay up to date on their move, sign-up for c3:initiative's monthly e-newsletter [on their website](#).

ABOUT C3:INITIATIVE

c3:initiative is a platform for critical inquiry. We provide a place-based support structure to nurture personal and social introspection for individuals and communities interested in engaging in thoughtful conversations. Through adaptive residencies, exhibitions, and public programs, c3 offers forward-thinking models for collaboration and resource sharing.

LISTING INFORMATION

c3:initiative: 7326 N Chicago Avenue | Portland, OR 97203 (until June 2019)

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