

CREATIVE CITY CENTRE

1843 HAMILTON STREET

The Creative City Centre is a creative hub in the downtown area that will give artists a space to create and collaborate, and will engage the community in arts and culture through a myriad of new programming and activities.

The Centre is located on the top two floors of 1843 Hamilton Street, above Loggie's Shoes. This is a heritage building, constructed in 1912, with a history of uses including residential, retail, sewing classes and storage. The top floor, which features beautiful wooden door frames complete with transom windows, hardwood floors, and large north-facing exterior windows, has not been used for anything other than storage since 1951. From the dark and dilapidated condition that the third floor was in, the efforts of a small volunteer workforce have transformed this space to a bright sunny and creative place. Financing for the first phase of the renovations was arranged through personal loans from Dr. Roberta McKay and Elmer Brenner, Jacqui Schumiatcher, and from local artist and entrepreneur Carol Cairns. The funds covered installing plumbing, electrical and mechanical on both floors, and completing cosmetic renovations on the third floor. We have also secured a grant from the Benjamin Moore Foundation to help cover the costs of the paint, wood stain, varnish and other painting supplies.

When the renovations are complete, the space will include:

■ **Fashion Design Collective (Seams Radical)**

The second floor of the building will be occupied by a new local fashion design collective, Seams Radical. The floor will provide a workspace in the back for half of the collective, with a retail space in the front showcasing work from all designers. The shared space allows them to work on projects together and pursue joint marketing opportunities, including events being planned with other retailers of the Hamilton fashion district.

■ **Studio Spaces**

Studio Spaces have been created on the third floor and will be available for rent as early as mid-November. Creative City Centre is also developing plans with Regina Downtown to establish an Artist in Residence in one of the studios. This artist would develop and create temporary and permanent installations to beautify the downtown area, establish programming available to the community, and work toward establishing a sense of a distinct Regina downtown arts and cultural identity.

■ **Multi-Purpose Performance Space**

The third floor also has a large multi-purpose performance space that will be available for community rentals, and will be programmed in-house. We are currently putting together a schedule of classes, workshops and lectures, networking events, film screenings, live music concerts, visual art, literary and performance events. This space will be equipped to film and broadcast these events on the internet.

ABOUT US

The Creative City Centre is the first project of Inner Circle Creative City Development Corp. (IC3D), a non-profit organization with a mandate to transform underutilized buildings into spaces for artists to create, work, connect and live to increase quality of life and foster community growth and prosperity. We plan to continue developing additional properties in Regina to meet the growing demand for creative space. The growth of Regina's creative economy depends on the ability of creative entrepreneurs to access affordable work space, educational opportunities, as well as opportunities to collaborate with other like minded, passionate people. If you have a space that you would like to bring to our attention, please give us a call! If you have any interest in investing in our projects, give us a call! Or better yet, come see what we are creating at the Creative City Centre.

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