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New Artist Studios to Enrich Andover's Cultural Landscape

Andover, **MA** – fiVO Design ("fiVO"), a renowned furniture designer, manufacturer, and retailer based in Andover, is set to transform a portion of its historic mill building into vibrant artist studios, opening its doors to the local fine arts community. Dubbed fiVO Studios, this will be the first dedicated space of its kind in Andover, promising to become a hub for creativity and artistic collaboration.

Nestled along the picturesque Shawsheen River, fiVO Studios will offer artist studios of various sizes, designed to foster a supportive and thriving artistic community. The initiative aligns seamlessly with Andover's vision for expanding arts and culture in the downtown area. Paul Materazzo, the Town of Andover's Director of Planning and Land Use, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "The transformation of the property into an artisan hub in downtown aligns perfectly with the community's vision for expanding arts & culture in Downtown Andover and builds excitement for the future of Andover's Historic Mill District. I look forward to seeing the project come into fruition and being a resource for the community."

Conveniently located in Dundee Park, fiVO Studios is just a short walk from the commuter rail and MeVa bus service. Tenant artists will benefit from features such as tall ceilings, expansive windows that flood the space with natural light, and customizable studios that promote creativity, collaboration, and a sense of community. In addition, artists will have the unique opportunity to showcase their work in the adjoining fiVO Design furniture showroom and use the elegant showroom space as a tenant lounge. As the studios reach completion, owners Deanna and Stewart Junge plan to collaborate with the artists on potential programming and open studio events, further enhancing the cultural fabric of the town.

Bell Tower CRE Group has been enlisted to manage showings and the tenant application process. Gary Sidell, President of Bell Tower CRE Group, shared his excitement: "We are thrilled to be a part of fiVO Studios in Andover, featuring a new space where arts, culture, and creativity will soon flourish. This long-awaited and vibrant space for artists has always been the goal of its devoted and highly creative building owners, who have designed a platform to support the community in meaningful and dynamic ways. This concept also builds upon the foundation of Andover's already rich arts and culture community. At Bell Tower CRE Group, we are passionate about fostering community-centric initiatives like this one, and we're excited to see the space become a cornerstone of artistic expression in Andover and beyond. We look forward to seeing the ripple effect of new opportunities to surrounding properties, which we believe will be ignited by this hidden gem."

To celebrate the launch of fiVO Studios, an open house event will be held on Thursday, September 26, from 4-7 pm. Local artists and community members are invited to explore Andover's newest art hub, meet the building owners and Bell Tower representatives, and network with fellow artists. Light refreshments will be served, and applications will be available on-site. Stewart Junge, Owner of fiVO Design, reflected on the project's journey: "This project has been a long time in the making. While we could have easily leased the space to any tenant, our commitment to the community inspired us to create something more meaningful. As lifelong makers, we understand the importance of an inspirational space that fuels creativity and positivity. Our vision is to provide that space for local artists and to support arts and culture, ensuring the Andover community can enjoy and benefit from it as well." Follow fiVO Studios on Facebook and Instagram @fivostudios for more information.

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