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SOURCE for Sale

CulturalDC Announces the Sale of the Iconic 14th Street Venue

Washington, DC – October 11, 2024—After nearly two decades as a cornerstone of the Washington, DC arts scene, local art non-profit CulturalDC has decided to sell the SOURCE building, located at 1835 14th Street NW. This decision marks a significant transition for CulturalDC as it continues to expand its reach through innovative programming and community engagement.

"Selling the SOURCE building was not an easy choice, but it was one that we felt was necessary given the current funding landscape and the evolving vision for our organization," said Hiroshi Jacobs, Board Chair of CulturalDC. "Our board believes this move will allow us to better position CulturalDC for the future as we continue - to support the creative communities we serve." The decision to sell SOURCE reflects CulturalDC's strategic shift towards programming models that emphasize flexibility and outreach, such as its Mobile Art Gallery and vacant space activations. This transition will enable the organization to adapt to the changing needs of artists and audiences in Washington, DC, while continuing to advance its mission of making art accessible to all.

Since 2006, CulturalDC has owned and operated SOURCE, transforming it into a hub for creativity, innovation, and community engagement. Over the years, the venue has housed three resident theatre companies and provided rehearsal, educational, and performance space for numerous arts organizations, alongside hosting some of CulturalDC's own programming. The building has served as a part of CulturalDC's mission to support innovative artists and make its work accessible to diverse audiences. Recently, SOURCE has undergone a series of updates, including a refreshed façade and enhanced security measures, improving both the building's appearance and its suitability for a wide range of community events.

"SOURCE has been a foundational part of our organization's identity, and we believe that this transition aligns with our commitment to maximizing our impact in the community," said Kristi Maiselman, Executive Director and Curator of CulturalDC. "We've found great success in our Mobile Art Programming. Since 2017, our Mobile Art Gallery has engaged over 100,000 people, and this change will allow us to focus on new opportunities and expand our reach in 2025 and beyond." CulturalDC is known for its Mobile Art Gallery, a 40-ft shipping container transformed into a

traveling art space, as well as its work alongside developers to activate empty spaces with art, bringing creative experiences directly to communities across the city.

The organization hopes to find a buyer who can continue to uphold the legacy of SOURCE as a space for the arts and has already reached out to over 20 local arts organizations including its current resident organization, Constellation Theatre Company which has expressed interest in the sale.

For further information about the sale of SOURCE or CulturalDC's future plans, please contact:

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About CulturalDC:

CulturalDC is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting innovative artists across all disciplines and making work accessible to diverse audiences. Since 1998, CulturalDC has activated unconventional spaces and engaged communities through dynamic programming, including the Mobile Art Gallery, Source, and Artspace Development. CulturalDC is committed to fostering vibrant urban communities and ensuring artists have the resources they need to thrive.

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