



SPAACES

Case For Support



Sam Modder, from the Series *Source of All Hair, Wearer of All Socks*, 2022

SARASOTA ART WORLD

Sarasota, FL has long been a cultural destination for those interested in visual and performing arts venues. People come from around the world to visit exhibits at The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art as well as to see productions at one of the many local theaters. Sarasota is also a draw for talented artists who temporarily locate here to hone their craft at the award-winning Ringling College of Art and Design.

What has been missing is an energetic, thriving environment for living, breathing artists who want to work in and gain inspiration from a contemporary, collaborative, and experiential artistic universe.

What if there was a place for cutting edge, emerging artists, such as the Ringling College graduates, to feel inspired, welcomed and supported, so that they want to pursue art careers based from Sarasota?

There is now such a place!



Mission

To advance contemporary visual art and professional artists while enhancing a vibrant arts community.

Vision

To have SPACES recognized as a leader in making the Sarasota area a place where contemporary art and artists thrive.

“As a practicing artist, having a space to work is crucial and thankfully I was able to procure a studio space at SPACES. SPACES has played a pivotal role in fostering my artistic journey by offering a secure and budget-friendly studio space, enabling me to immerse myself in creativity and to flourish,”

-Alicia Brown, SPACES studio artist





SPAACES Studio Artist Laine Nixon



SPAACES is a unique artistic microcosm in Sarasota that was founded in 2018 and became a not-for-profit in 2020. SPAACES is centrally located just a few blocks northeast of downtown Sarasota in 7500 Sq. feet of air- conditioned industrial warehouse with an exhibition space that promotes a variety of contemporary art projects

It exists to provide working artists with a world to call their own. A world that provides affordable studio space and high caliber exhibitions of unique artistic creations, while campaigning to highlight the value of working artists to Sarasota's culture and economy.

SPAACES is an up-and-coming jewel in Sarasota's visual arts crown.

It is a place for working visual artists of all styles, mediums, education levels, and socioeconomic status to work and thrive in Sarasota.



SPAACES Exhibiting Artist Marina Shaltout

What is SPACES?

CULTURAL HUB

SPACES is a cultural hub benefiting diverse Sarasota, Florida communities and Florida artists.



CONTEMPORARY ART

SPACES specializes in progressive forms of contemporary art, social practice art, and collaborative artistic events and exhibitions.

ARTIST STUDIOS

SPACES assists artists in achieving their goals by providing affordable art studio space, career opportunities, and a supportive professional environment.



COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

SPACES brings the community together through large collaborative projects, considering a variety of art activities including social, political, and cultural themes.



SPAACES is UNIQUE

SPAACES takes a unique approach in fostering the artistic community in Sarasota, setting us apart from other visual arts venues. SPAACES is not just an organization; it is a movement towards redefining the role of artists in society and the way the community engages with contemporary art.



SPAACES gives artists:

- Substantial periods of uninterrupted studio time
- Professional development
- Networking opportunities
- Freedom to experiment

Our approach is distinct from the commercially driven or educational-focused missions of other local art organizations

PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS

SPAACES defines "professional" artists as those who consistently create and pursue art as a means of livelihood, recognition in their field or professional advancement.

"While I was a student at Ringling College, I had one of my first major photo projects titled "My Beautiful" exhibited at SPAACES. As an emerging artist, an opportunity like this was pivotal in helping me establish myself as an artist with the larger community outside of academia. As a photographer whose portraits focus on highlighting issues of identity and representation affecting the Black community, being granted the space to both talk about these issues and share the process behind the work with the public helps in connecting to larger audiences and promote positive change through art,"

-Jesse Clark, SPAACES exhibiting Artist



PROGRAMS



La Petite Peen - Jess Pope SPACES Exhibition

70% of our Programs are Reserved for Women

- SPACES Studio Artist Program With 18 Studios
- Artist Exhibition Program
- Art Lecture Program
- Community Collaboration Program



Founder/ Artist Marianne Chapel



SPACES studio artist Jessica Mowery

SPACES has grown it's studio and gallery footprint from 1000 to 7500 square feet and has curated over 45 museum modeled art exhibitions.

RESULTS

Since, 2020, SPACES has established itself as one of the leading contemporary art organizations for professional artists in Sarasota.

We have served over 2000 art enthusiasts through our exhibitions, lectures, and studio visits and have provided highly sought after, professional, solo exhibits to raise the careers of over 120 artists.



The Woods SPACES Exhibition

THE BUDGET

Goal \$235,000

Programs	Exhibitions	Studios	Collaboration	Lecture	Totals
Building Costs	\$50,000	\$110,000	\$5000.00	0	\$160,000
Salaries Contractors	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$3000	\$2000	\$65,000
Marketing Operations	\$6000	\$2000	\$1000	\$1000	\$10,000
Totals	\$96,000	\$132,000	\$9000	\$3000	\$235,000

Strategic Plan Key Pillars

1. Build unearned & earned income
2. Grow awareness
3. Strengthen operations
4. Create a family culture



MAKING IT HAPPEN

SPAACES is a unique environment created by artists for artists. It provides affordable studio space for artists working to make their living through their craft, and it provides an artistic oasis of contemporary, experiential art for the community to enjoy.

Your investment will help Sarasota's artistic community grow from the wonderful home for traditional art that it already is, to include a collaborative space for working artists, and the connoisseurs who appreciate boundary-pushing contemporary art by up-and-coming artists.

You can be a part of something unique on the art scene in Sarasota.

Please give a gift today.

THE DETAILS

SPAACES is centrally located just a few blocks northeast of downtown Sarasota in an airconditioned industrial space that allows for the creation of all manner of contemporary works.



Founder Marianne Chapel

Marianne is as passionate about forming inspiring creative spaces for artists as she is about creating her own works of art. As a resident in Sarasota County, Marianne has been aware of the distinct absence of opportunities and affordable creative spaces for working artists.

She tapped into her experiences traveling and teaching artists around the world to formulate the idea for SPAACES, and then to mold that idea into an operating visual arts gallery and studio space in Sarasota.

Marianne earned a Master of Fine Arts from Indiana University. She has instructed for Buffalo State College, The University of Tampa, Santa Fe University of Art and Design, and currently instructs at The Ringling School of Art and Design where she was awarded a faculty grant.

Marianne's teaching, creating, and traveling experiences make her uniquely qualified to make SPAACES the community for working artists in Sarasota.



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