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CULTURALDC HOSTS VISIONDC, ARTS AND URBAN INNOVATION SUMMIT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On April 24, 2017, CulturalDC, Washington’s leading arts place-maker and presenter, will host VISIONDC, Arts and Urban Innovation Summit. The event will provide an opportunity for artists, real estate developers, policymakers, business leaders and the public to consider the creative trajectory of growth in the District.

Featuring Washington’s first ever ART TANK, an initiative inspired by ABC’s popular television show, “Shark Tank,” VISIONDC promises urban development in real time as a group of investors judge concepts for groundbreaking arts projects. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to watch as winning concepts are funded ON THE SPOT.

“The inaugural ART TANK competition epitomizes Washington’s ongoing dedication to art and urban investment,” says CulturalDC Board Member and President of Urban Atlantic Development, Vicki Davis. “With ART TANK, VISIONDC delivers revolutionary exposure to upcoming trends in the metropolitan landscape.”

At the summit, nationally recognized entrepreneurs, artists and commercial developers will explore:

- ❑ Gentrification in Washington’s neighborhoods and strategies that are being considered to foster equitable growth;
- ❑ How creative thinking can be employed to address challenges and drive economic development while considering social issues in urban areas; and
- ❑ How crowdsourcing can be used to invest in developing creative communities in Washington.

VISIONDC is open to the public and will feature visionary conversations, site-specific installations, and performances by over 20 local artists. It will be held at the iconic Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater. Tickets can be purchased at visiondc.org. Discount early bird tickets, ranging from \$15 to \$45, will be sold until March 24.

About CulturalDC

CulturalDC has an 18-year history of creating affordable, sustainable artist spaces in the Washington, D.C., area. CulturalDC has brokered more than 250,000 square feet of artist space, including the Atlas Performing Arts Center, GALA Hispanic Theatre, Source Theatre and Woolly Mammoth Theatre. Each year, CulturalDC serves more than 1,000 artists and welcomes 30,000 audience members and participants who patronize local businesses and contribute an estimated \$1 million to the local economy.

For more information on CulturalDC, visit culturaldc.org and follow CulturalDC on social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)) for updates on VISIONDC and all of its projects. **#WeMakeSpaceForArt**

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