



HIGHPOINT CENTER FOR PRINTMAKING

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HIGHPOINT CENTER FOR PRINTMAKING AWARDED \$300,000 MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION GRANT

Minneapolis, February 20, 2009—Highpoint Center for Printmaking is proud to announce that it has received a McKnight Foundation grant of \$300,000 in support of its capital campaign, HP2: The Campaign for a Permanent Home. The McKnight Foundation has been a generous funder of Highpoint's programs since 2003; this major grant supports the purchase and renovation of Highpoint's new, permanent home at 912 West Lake Street in the Uptown neighborhood of Minneapolis. Once completed, this facility will nearly triple HP's current footprint, allowing the organization to expand and deliver its diverse, quality-driven programs to artists, schools and communities. The McKnight Foundation's President Kate Wolford noted in Highpoint's award letter: "We are excited about the new building and the potential it unlocks for artists and your organization!"

HP2: The Campaign for a Permanent Home is a \$3.5M initiative to enable Highpoint to own a functional space with adequate room to support its mission and expand its services to artists, schools and communities. Executive Director Carla McGrath speaks to the vision: "The time is now to build for the future — and establish a Center where Highpoint's exceptional programs can grow in a fiscally responsible manner and serve its multiple audiences in new, exciting and more effective ways."

The "new" Highpoint will feature a dedicated classroom that can accommodate programs for up to 6,000 school-age visitors annually; increase access for artist cooperative members; provide an upgraded professional studio where Highpoint Editions artists will create new work; unveil an expanded street-level gallery showcasing prints by established and emerging artists; and create a rain garden and green space close to the nearby Minneapolis Greenway.

As of February 2009 the HP2 Campaign has raised \$2,130,000 towards its goal of \$3.5M. Highpoint's permanent home at 912 W. Lake Street is scheduled to open in June 2009.

Highpoint Center for Printmaking is a non-profit art center dedicated to advancing the appreciation and understanding of the printmaking arts. We offer educational programming for youth and adults, an artists' studio cooperative, professional publishing opportunities, and a street-level gallery featuring contemporary

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prints. No other printmaking center in the Upper Midwest offers such a wide range of public access and programs.

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