



Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center announces architect

OKLAHOMA CITY (Mar. 18, 2014) - Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center is pleased to announce that Elliott + Associates Architects, led by Rand Elliott, has been selected as the architect for the new Oklahoma Contemporary building which will be located at NW 11th and Broadway (Automobile Alley), just north of downtown Oklahoma City.

“I am grateful to the Oklahoma Contemporary Board of Trustees for allowing us this opportunity. Christian Keese is a visionary leader, and we will create an iconic structure to support the Oklahoma Contemporary mission of teaching art and showing art. We are proud to create a timeless piece of architecture that will anchor the northeast corner of Downtown,” said Rand Elliott, FAIA.

“Rand is a local architect who has achieved international acclaim. Additionally, he has served on our board of trustees since the organization’s inception,” said Christian Keese, President of the Board of Trustees for Oklahoma Contemporary. “Because of this, Rand clearly understands our mission to provide arts education, exhibition and programming for children and adults in Oklahoma. I’m pleased that Rand has been chosen as the architect for this building.”

Oklahoma Contemporary will begin its fundraising efforts in the near future in support of the move to the new location. “Oklahoma Contemporary is close to launching a capital campaign to build this incredible building. Once completed, it will be a gathering place for all ages to enjoy all forms of art – whether visual or performing,” said Donna Rinehart-Keever, Executive Director of Oklahoma Contemporary. “The space will allow Oklahoma Contemporary to provide studios for virtually every discipline of art from the industrial arts (wood working, metal working and ceramics) to dance to animation, as well as traditional arts such as weaving, painting, sculpture and photography. It’s an exciting time for Oklahoma Contemporary, but it should also be an exciting time for the Oklahoma City community as the project comes to life.”

About Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center

Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center is a regional 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that encourages artistic expression in all its forms through education and exhibitions. Founded in 1989 by businessman and philanthropist Christian Keese and Kirkpatrick Foundation Director Marilyn Myers, Oklahoma Contemporary offers contemporary arts exhibitions throughout the year, free to the public, as well as youth art camps, art classes and lectures.

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