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THE ARTS LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN BEGINS HISTORY-MAKING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IN HISTORIC DETROIT BUILDING

Detroit, MI -- On Monday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m., the Arts League of Michigan (ALM) will welcome the public to an Open House to tour its new home, the Virgil H. Carr CULTURALartsCENTER at 311 E. Grand River in Harmonie Park. Known as the Harmonie Club, the building was erected in 1895 and served as the community meeting place for German residents of Detroit.

The three-story structure contains 37,000 square feet of flexible configuration space-nearly 20 times the area of the previous ALM site. Refurbishing and restoration of the first and second floor of the magnificent, classic Beaux Arts structure took only about a month and a half to complete. The ALM goal is to make the Carr Center the premier site for African/African American cultural arts in the country. It will be filled with a variety of unique art and community-focused programs and features such as:

- Studio space for professional artists/Artists in Residence
- Galleries for rotating and traveling art displays
- Performing arts studios with audio/video recording and broadcast capabilities
- The 'Arts In Harmony' store where the public can purchase items created by local artists
- The Sharing Our Story Book Club
- Community Arts/Education Programs in all disciplines for participants as young as 7 years old
- Cultural and educational film presentations
- Comprehensive Jazz studies with professional performer/instructors, private music instruction, plus Jazz, and classical music concerts featuring a variety of musicians
- Art focused lecturers, workshops and conferences
- Summer art camps for youngsters

...plus the facility can be rented for parties, private family reunion activities, weddings/receptions, conferences and other special occasions.

"This is a most exciting time for the Arts League. We are growing, we are firmly rooted in Detroit, and we are committed to elevating African/African American based arts and artists for Metro Detroit residents and visitors. But we are also continually working on taking what we have to people across the nation and around the world-literally anyone, anywhere so that they too can learn about, enjoy, and benefit from our artists' great talents, great works and great legacy," said Oliver Ragsdale, Jr., President, The Arts League of Michigan.

For more information about the Open House, call 313-965-8430.

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