

# OUTPOST FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

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## Outpost for Contemporary Art Moves to Burgeoning Highland Park Arts District

Los Angeles – Outpost for Contemporary Art, the non-profit arts group dedicated to international exchange and local collaboration, has moved to a thriving arts-minded retail district in the heart of northeast Los Angeles' Highland Park neighborhood.

“This move, though just 1.6 miles from our old headquarters, opens up so many opportunities for us,” said Outpost Executive Director Julie Deamer. “We’re asking artists to help us imagine ways to creatively use our new space for installations, programs, even novel retail offerings that can provide walk-in arts experiences to the neighborhood’s heavy foot traffic. Whatever we come up with, the new location will allow us to engage more people in the arts, in more ways than ever, which is why we exist.”

In mid-August, the five-year-old organization moved into a 500-sq.-ft. storefront in a brick building at the corner of Avenue 50 and York Boulevard in Highland Park. Fellow tenants include Kristi Engle Gallery, Café De Leche coffeehouse and M.A.N.N. Insurance. Previously, Outpost had occupied a storefront gallery, reading room and apartment for visiting artists in the 6300 block of Figueroa Street of Highland Park.

“This move is only the first step in Outpost’s next phase of growth,” said architect Rachel Allen, president of Outpost’s board of directors. “We have our third annual Monster Drawing Rally coming up Nov. 8 at Eagle Rock’s Center for the Arts, a new program cycle focused on South America, several other major initiatives planned and a new partnership that will dramatically enhance our international residency program. Despite the economy’s challenges, we’re in a very strong place.”

Allen thanked artist and Occidental College professor Mary Beth Heffernan, landlord Yolanda Noguiera and her family, and the City of Los Angeles’ Department of Cultural Affairs for making the move possible. The department is one of several major government and foundation grantors backing Outpost’s many programs and operations.

Outpost’s international artist exchanges bring notable creative personalities from other countries to Los Angeles for residencies that typically last up to six weeks, and also send Los

Angeles artists overseas. During their residencies, artists create works inspired by their visits, and participate in an array of symposia and other local events.

In February, Deamer curated a Glendale College Art Gallery exhibition of works created during Outpost's recently ended Eastern European program cycle. The organization's next two-year program cycle focuses on South American artists.

### **About Outpost for Contemporary Art**

Outpost for Contemporary Art is a non-profit that promotes cross-cultural exchange by developing international artistic projects that stimulate social interaction and emphasize process over end result. Devoted to bridging the local and the global, Outpost creates networks of art, artists and art audiences that span continents while connecting local communities.

Contributions to Outpost are tax deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Outpost's headquarters is located at 1268 North Ave. 50, Los Angeles, CA, 90042. For more information, call (323) 899-3533 or email [info@outpost-art.org](mailto:info@outpost-art.org)

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