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## **Craft Alliance announces move to new Delmar location**

*Larger facility will bring all services under one roof*

**ST. LOUIS (Jan. 30, 2020)** Craft Alliance Center of Art + Design, a 56-year-old nonprofit arts organization, will move to a new, larger location in the fall of 2020. The organization will remain on Delmar Boulevard, relocating two miles east to its new home at 5080 Delmar.

“We are thrilled to have a larger space that will be built out to meet the specific needs of our community,” said Mark Witzling, executive director of Craft Alliance. “As the educational resource for craft in the region, we wanted a larger space with a more open concept that allows our vibrant community of artists, collectors, teachers and students to better collaborate, share and support each other under the same roof. Additionally, the new space will allow us to host gallery talks from regional and national experts in craft.”

The organization, which offers classes, exhibitions, artist residencies, a retail shop and extensive community outreach programs, engages over 25,000 people annually and has occupied the same Delmar Loop location since 1969.

In preparation for the move, the organization consolidated operations by closing its Grand Center facility and relocating it temporarily to the Loop location until the final move is complete. The new Craft Alliance location will have increased capacity to serve more students and host larger exhibitions and events. With over 14,000-square-feet, the facility will feature larger studios, an expanded exhibition gallery as well as retail space and administrative offices. New studio space will include facilities for ceramics, metals, wood, fiber, glass, and other craft media.

This area of Delmar Boulevard, located in the City of St. Louis, is home to several creative organizations including Third Degree Glass Factory, MADE and the recently opened Magic House at MADE.

“We are excited to have Craft Alliance as a neighbor and a collaborator on this stretch of Delmar,” said Doug Auer, co-founder of Third Degree Glass Factory and MADE. “The Delmar Maker District is becoming the go-to destination for many local artists and creators, and having Craft Alliance as a part of this community will be a huge step forward.”

The future home of Craft Alliance will undergo extensive remodeling and renovation. Mademan Design, the firm that recently designed and provided architectural services for the expansion of nearby Third Degree Glass Factory, will also assist Craft Alliance with design and architectural services.

### **ABOUT CRAFT ALLIANCE CENTER OF ART + DESIGN**

Craft Alliance Center of Art + Design is a nonprofit art center dedicated to empowering and enriching communities through craft. Located in the Delmar Loop of St. Louis, Missouri, Craft Alliance offers exhibitions, education classes for all skill levels, free community programs, artist residencies and a gallery shop. The organization’s annual Makers Ball fundraising event will be held March 13th at the Four Seasons Hotel in St. Louis. Craft Alliance Center of Art + Design is funded in part by the Arts and Education Council; the Regional Arts Commission; the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency; and the generous support of its members. For more information, please call 314.725.1177 or visit [craftalliance.org](http://craftalliance.org).

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