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CENTER FOR ARTS-INSPIRED LEARNING ANNOUNCES OPENING OF ITS INSPIRATION CENTER, A 21ST CENTURY CREATIVE SPACE FOR ON-SITE COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAMMING.

(Cleveland, OH—April 26, 2018) The Center for Arts-Inspired Learning (CAL) will unveil its Inspiration Center on Saturday, May 5, 2018 during its STEAM Saturday coding workshop from 9am to 12pm. The event will showcase the newly renovated programming space, including a maker space, at the CAL headquarters at 10917 Magnolia Drive in University Circle.

The building renovations mark a major milestone in CAL’s University Circle Community Connection (UC3) initiative, a grant funded, multi-year plan to increase engagement with University Circle’s surrounding neighborhoods. The Inspiration Center will enable CAL to expand its on-site community arts programming which began last fall with the launch of STEAM Saturdays. New program offerings include ‘Makers and Mentors’ summer camps for elementary and middle school students and an afterschool art club for high school students. Additionally, organizations that are unable to host a CAL program at their location will be able to rent space at the Inspiration Center for workshops or classes with CAL teaching artists.

“The Inspiration Center is the realization of our commitment to our community and neighborhood, as we lead the effort to make the arts a core component of every student’s education and development,” said CAL Executive Director Marsha Dobrzynski. “We are eager for children and teens to experience our arts- and technology-infused programs during our summer camps or as a member of the art club. We want to be a safe place where kids can learn and be inspired by the arts. We are grateful to The Cleveland Foundation for supporting the creation of this wonderful space.”

The updated first floor and lower level feature four dedicated program spaces: a maker space, two studios, and a teen lounge. Technology and equipment upgrades have also been made to ensure that students have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience within a 21st century learning environment. CAL’s on-site programs, camps, and clubs will be specifically designed to incorporate the center’s tech equipment which includes: 3D printers, virtual reality systems, cameras, sound/audio equipment, and new computers with Adobe software. In the maker space, students will have access to a large format printer, laser cutter, laminator, and spiral binding machine.

The building renovations and technology upgrades were funded by a grant from The Cleveland Foundation. Forest City Realty Trust donated the maker space equipment and K & K Specialties, Inc. donated a sound-proof divider wall which enables the studios to be used individually or as one large space.

To learn more about the Inspiration Center, rent space for CAL programs, or to enroll in a camp or club, visit www.arts-inspiredlearning.org/inspirationcenter

The Center for Arts-Inspired Learning ignites student learning, creativity, and success through the arts. As one of the largest of 32 affiliates in the national Young Audiences Arts for Learning network, the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning works with more than 80 professional teaching artists to bring innovative, arts-integrated learning experiences to Northeast Ohio students in grades Pre-K to 12. Reaching nearly 206,000 children annually, CAL’s arts education programs, workshops, and residencies close learning gaps, teach creative thinking and problem solving, and help students succeed in school, in their first jobs, and beyond. Learn more at www.arts-inspiredlearning.org

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