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**Artist district proposed for historic Alexander Smith Carpet Mills site in Yonkers**

YONKERS – Owners of the 1.5 million square foot historic Alexander Smith Carpet Mills are partnering with the City of Yonkers to create an arts district. Mayor Michael Spano and owners of the former mill on Nepperhan Avenue announced the plan on Wednesday.

“Yonkers is establishing itself as a destination city for artists to live, work and exhibit, and people are taking notice,” Spano said. “There is no much history and authentic, raw space in the Alexander Smith Carpet Mills buildings – which once housed over 8,000 industrial workers – that it lends itself to become a community for industrial creatives. Yonkers has become home to an emerging arts scene, and creating an arts district at the once thriving carpet mills site is the next step in telling our story.”

Currently, YoHo Artist Studios, part of the proposed Carpet Mills Arts District, is a multi-use property, home to some 60 artist studios as well as other artisan industries including a cluster of piano makers/refinishers, antique dealers, set designers, movie studios, staging companies, artists, furniture refinishers and other businesses.

Residents and visitors will have an opportunity to participate in the city’s growing arts scene during Yonkers Arts Weekend May 1-3, which will involve over 300 artists, sculptors, performers, designers and musicians across four locations in the city.



City officials, organizers, announced the concept at YoHo

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