



# CONTEMPORARY ARTS NETWORK

The Contemporary Arts Network will be moving into a new phase with the launching of The CAN Headquarters, located at 9601 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, VA 23601, opening later this summer. The headquarters will be home to The Contemporary Arts Network and its sister non-profit, The CAN Foundation.

**The mission of the Contemporary Arts Network, LLC** is to provide a nexus of interconnectivity and development for a strong, enduring, harmonious arts community within the global art market. CAN empowers artists, patrons, and their communities through the linkage of a viable art market within the global arts economy.

**The mission of the CAN Foundation** is to engage communities through artist development, arts education, and public art projects. The pillars of our work include:

**Artist Development.** The CAN Foundation works closely with artists in the development of their craft and careers. Through mentorship, critiques, education, and client development and management, we provide artists with the tools to build a foundation for sustainable art careers.

**Arts Education.** We seek to advance multidisciplinary arts education through our integrative learning programs, covering art history, art business, art making, collection building, and more.

**Public Art Projects.** The Foundation works with municipalities, corporations, and community groups to bring public art projects and immersive arts events to underserved and developing areas.

From the CAN Headquarters, the CAN will aim to fulfill the **vision of The Contemporary Arts Network and the CAN Foundation:** to raise public awareness of the arts as a unifying cultural and economic force within Hampton Roads and beyond.

The CAN Headquarters will house multiple entities within its walls. The building will include:

- The Daily Bread Boutique, a boutique that carries products from fashion and lifestyle brands, artists, and craftsmen
- The First Patron Initiative (a CAN Foundation artist in residence program) studios
- Commonality, a performance and co-working space

- 670 Gallery, an educational and emerging art gallery
- Eleanor and Hopps, a Fine Art Gallery exhibiting the work of premier artists from Hampton Roads and beyond
- A music recording studio
- A rentable classroom and studio space

While the world has come to a standstill, the CAN headquarters has been experiencing a surge of creative energy. A number of artists have used this time to create large-scale murals on the CAN's exterior walls. Their gifts have already touched the community as has been felt in the excitement of those who have stopped to admire their walls, and shared images of the murals on social media. In the coming months, the community can expect to see color wrapping the building's entire facade.

If you are a creative and would like to get involved, be sure to sign up for the CAN's open call to artists and creatives of all forms (i.e. visual artists, photographers, clothing line designers, musicians, writers, dancers, culinary artists, art teachers ect.) for various opportunities in the coming year. We encourage submission of samples for the possibility of participating in public art projects, exhibitions, clothing line pop-ups, performances, workshops, seminars, classes, and general creative networking with the CAN in 2020. Visit [thecontemporaryartsnetwork.com](http://thecontemporaryartsnetwork.com) to apply.

Stay tuned to learn about the CAN's grand opening and all of the upcoming events and opportunities The Contemporary Arts Network and The CAN Foundation have in store for 2020 and for information about how to get involved. While the CAN's website ([thecontemporaryartsnetwork.com](http://thecontemporaryartsnetwork.com)) is under construction, follow the CAN on facebook at The Contemporary Arts Network and on instagram [@contemporaryartsnetwork](https://www.instagram.com/contemporaryartsnetwork) for updates and information and to subscribe to the monthly newsletter.

