



ARTISTS QUARTERS

A project of Arts Habitat Edmonton and Artists Urban Village, the Artists Quarters will be a unique facility for housing individual artists and arts organizations in a vibrant urban arts village. It will provide an environment that supports interaction, learning and innovation while being affordable and sustainable.

WHAT

The building design consists of two main components: the Podium and the residential tower.

The four-story Podium will provide much needed space for non-profit arts organizations and artist studios. It will include a public atrium providing the opportunity for the exhibition of works, outreach programming and more.

The Podium will be home to four anchor partners: Arts Habitat Edmonton, Alberta Craft Council, Mile Zero Dance and Rapid Fire Theatre. It will also include an additional 21 studios/offices for individual artists and small to mid-sized arts organizations.

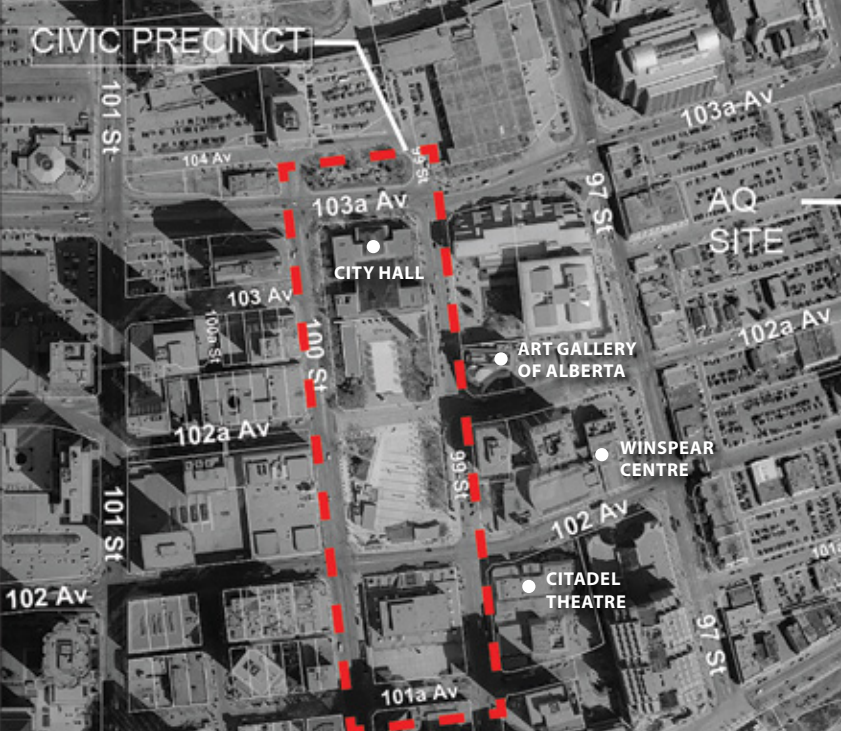
The residential component is a 14 storey tower with 64 live-work spaces. Common areas such as shared workshops, a community garden and kitchen are integral to developing and promoting a desired sense of community within the Artists Quarters.

The building will be specifically designed for the needs of artists including sound proofing, ventilation, lighting and flexible layouts. Units will range from 700 to 1200 square feet in size. A variety of unit purchasing options will be available to meet the needs of the diverse community that will live there.

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FUN FACT

The doorways and elevators of Artists Quarters have been designed to fit a grand piano!



WHO

Artists Quarters will attract a range of organizations and artists who are collaborative and entrepreneurial in their mission, practice and mandate. It will be a multi-generational, mixed-income, multi-disciplinary, live-work facility for professional artists, arts organizations, arts and cultural workers and arts supporters.

The project is being led by Arts Habitat Edmonton and Artists Urban Village.

WHERE

The Artists Quarters will be located in the heart of The Quarters redevelopments on the corner of 96 Street and 102A Avenue in downtown Edmonton. It will be within walking distance of the Arts District, River Valley, the proposed LRT line, Stanley A. Milner Library, the new Boyle Street Plaza and other amenities.

WHEN

Construction of Artists Quarters will begin when 80% of funding is in place. Groundbreaking is scheduled for fall 2016 with an expected opening in fall 2018.

HOW

The City of Edmonton demonstrated early leadership in the development of Artists Quarters with a commitment of \$8.3M to the project which includes a contribution of land (\$2.3M). Support from the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada is also anticipated.

Each Podium partner also contributes to the project through participation in government and stakeholder relations efforts, a coordinated capital campaign, contributions from reserve funds and mortgage/debt financing.

WHY

The Artists Quarters project is a response to the increasing critical need in Edmonton's arts and cultural community for affordable housing options for professional artists and workspace for arts organizations. Arts Habitat currently has a list of over 300 individual artists and arts organizations looking for space. A unique active mixed-use facility will accelerate the creation of a vibrant urban village in The Quarters downtown.