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Art Milwaukee launches residency program

By **Mary Louise Schumacher** of the Journal Sentinel Oct. 15, 2012 8:52 a.m.

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Four local artists will move into new studios inside the Hampton Inn, 176 W. Wisconsin Ave., today as part of a new art residency program organized by ART Milwaukee, an event planning organization that creates art-related happenings for young professionals.

The four artists are Sarah Gail Luther, Brad Fiore, Savier Ruffin and Jaclyn Tyler. The artist-in-residence program is designed to occupy and draw attention to empty storefronts along W. Wisconsin Ave., an area in need of revitalization, according to organizers.

Two of the artists in the program, Luther and Fiore, lost their space and artworks in the Riverwest fire in July.

"These studios will not only beautify the street level of Wisconsin Avenue and spotlight the available commercial space but they also offer an opportunity for local artists to build their downtown following," said ART Milwaukee president Jeremy Fojut in a statement.

The new studios will likely be open for Gallery Night & Day, this Friday evening and Saturday.

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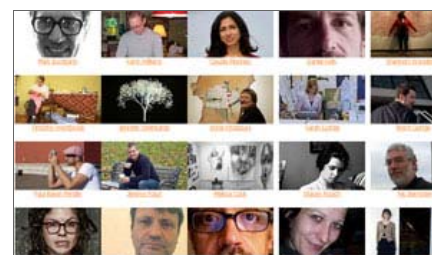
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