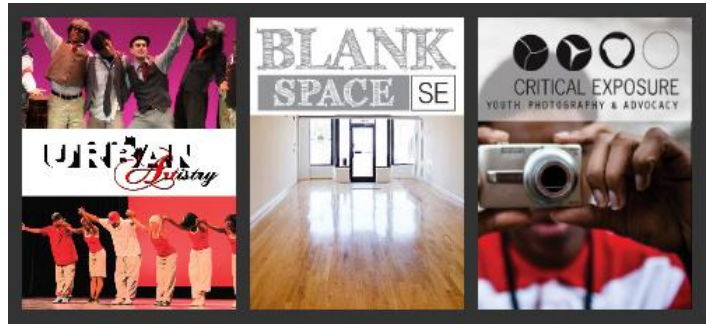


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**New Blank Space Arts Venue to Host Open House**



December 9, 2010 (Washington, DC) -- **Blank Space SE**, a new **permanent creative pop-up space** in Anacostia, will be hosting its first ever Open House event since its inception in October. The Open House will be held **Wednesday, January 5, 2011** from **11am-7pm** with a performance portion from **5-7pm**.

The event will include a special performance by **Urban Artistry**, a non-profit collective of dancers, artists, historians, musicians, folklorists and documentary filmmakers on a mission to preserve and continue the practice of urban dance, music and arts culture. As well as a one-day only, special photo exhibition by **Critical Exposure**, a non-profit organization founded in 2004 that teaches youth to use the power of photography and their own voices to become effective advocates for school reform and social change.

Blank Space SE welcomes all professional, experimental, visionary, original artists and organizations to use the space as their own **temporary creative home**, as it is meant to be the ideal rental venue for all forms of creative projects and outlets. Community members are invited as well as local organizations and schools. This event is **free** and open to the public.

Blank Space SE, located at **1922 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE**, is available for many different projects, including (but not limited to): the production of your own art exhibit, a dance or theatre event, a workshop or classroom, a short term studio, a think tank, a creative crucible, a pop up boutique, or business.

Blank Space SE is a project of the ARCH Development Corporation ([www.archdevelopment.org](http://www.archdevelopment.org)), a twenty year old not for profit dedicated to the creative revitalization of the Historic Anacostia community in Washington, D.C.

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