



Arts Mission Oak Cliff reduces financial barriers for local artists by providing subsidized rehearsal space for only \$15/hr.

DALLAS (March. XX, 2022) – [Arts Mission Oak Cliff](#) [AMOC], a Texas nonprofit heading into its 5th year, holds space for a diverse community to cultivate, celebrate, and sustain their creativity. The community arts center is thrilled to announce it's new program offering individuals and arts groups the ability to rent rehearsal space for only \$15 an hour launching March 1st.

On the corner of Twelfth and Windomere, across from W.E. Greiner Middle School, sits Arts Mission Oak Cliff [AMOC]. The building itself is a historical landmark built in 1929 to house Winnetka Congregational Church, renovated in 2017 it is now home to a bustling artist community. Anastasia Munoz, the orgs Executive Director, has always envisioned the historic space as a home where artists could come and grow in their craft surrounded by a vibrant local community. By offering subsidized rehearsal space for \$15 an hour for individual artists and arts groups, AMOC aims to reduce barriers to accessing community and high-quality rehearsal space.

“AMOC has always been a home for the self producer. A safe space where creatives can come to play and make offerings to the community. Offering \$15/hr for rehearsal space is something unheard of for most art venues. Across Dallas you can't find rehearsal space for under \$75 a session. Many artists don't have the luxury of having their art serve as their main source of income and soaring prices across the country are keeping people from being able to invest in their art. So this program just makes sense. Everyone should have access to a safe space to play and create.”

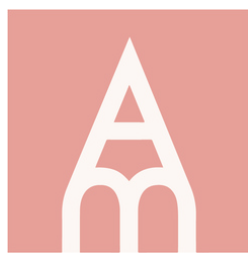
Artists and the arts are still feeling the effects of financial loss caused by the pandemic. In 2020 a study done by Americans for the Arts found two-thirds of artists were without work in the months following the arrival of Covid-19. This group of surveyed artists includes improv teachers, wedding photographers, lighting designers, interior decorators, and a trumpet player. In the months following the country's initial lockdown artists across the board are still feeling the financial impact.

Christopher 'Sonny' Martinez, filmmaker and photographer, is an Oak Cliff resident and AMOC's first Artist-in-Residence in 2021.

“Moving back to Oak Cliff from Brooklyn in 2020 was a challenge after spending ten years away from my hometown. I wasn't sure where I would create or how I would afford space to work and produce art. Fortunately, I found community at AMOC. Last year I was the first artist in residency, which was an intense experience because I developed two solo shows in a span of three months, but I loved being in a sanctuary working religiously on my practice. Honestly, I was just grateful to have space designated to share and collaborate with other artists safely during the pandemic. I am so excited to see AMOC stepping up to the plate for local artists and creators with their \$15 rentals. This will allow many other artists the access that is needed to facilitate their practice and grow professionally and affordably.”

In the five years since AMOC opened its doors it has been a home of creation and collaboration, with over 100 companies and individual artists producing and showing work. This program hopes to serve emerging artists, neighborhood creators, and established art workers by providing equitable access to affordable, high-quality space. Individual artists and arts groups with operating budgets under \$50,000 should visit <https://www.artsmissionoc.org/subsidized-rehearsal-space> to apply and learn more.

Applications for Subsidized Rehearsal Space open March 1, 2022 and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. [Apply Here](#)



For more information about Arts Mission Oak Cliff and local artists visit <https://www.artsmissionoc.org/>

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About Arts Mission Oak Cliff

Arts Mission Oak Cliff (AMOC) is a sanctuary for artists. What looks like a repurposed old church on the outside is a thriving artist community spanning mediums and generations. AMOC provides a safe place for artists to foster their creativity through practice and community. The building houses an adaptable performance space, a dance studio, a recording studio, visual arts studios, and a kitchen, all with professional-grade equipment. The versatility of the space invites diverse artists to commune and create at AMOC while encouraging collaboration and exploration among its community members.

Read our [Culture Doc](#) to learn more about who we are and how we are creating a home in Oak Cliff:

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