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PRESS RELEASE

October 11, 2021 The RED™ Moves to Andy!

Live Coal Gallery, L.L.C. is a small business founded by Detroit artist Yvette Rock. Live Coal's mission is to transform lives and neighborhoods through art, community development, and education. Its four main initiatives include the Live Coal Collective, Live Coal Arts Mobile, Detroit rePatched, and The RED™. In 2018, Rock opened The RED – Live Coal's children's art museum – in Detroit's Piety Hill neighborhood, thanks to Central Detroit Christian CDC who hosted it in its renovated duplex. The RED features a permanent collection of art created by Metro-Detroit children. It also hosted art camps and special programming through the year. While The RED had to close its doors to the public for fifteen months due to COVID-19, it re-opened in June 2021. "While it was amazing to be able to open our doors again and include an updated gift shop, our museum was just not getting the exposure it needed to make an impact or remain sustainable," says Rock. "When the opportunity came to possibly lease a new space and move our museum, I decided to move forward with the open door."

Andy (<u>www.andyarts.org</u>) is a developing community arts center located at 3000 Fenkell Street in Detroit. It is operated by Shua Group, a 501(C)(3) organization. Live Coal's connection to Andy is not new. They have held events at Andy in the past, including their 6<sup>th</sup> year anniversary show and Live Coal Collective exhibitions. "We are thrilled to host Live Coal and The RED in Andy's Lobby and look forward to seeing how they connect with our neighborhood," says Joshua Bissett, co-director of Andy. The RED will feature its permanent collection of children's art throughout the year and put on special exhibitions by its Aspiring Artist Members. The RED will also host monthly events, including family-friendly creative workshops. Their first Aspiring Artist opening will be on November 10, 2021 and feature paintings by 10-year-old Karis Gaston. For information about their events and to learn more about Live Coal, visit <u>www.theredmuseum.org</u> and <u>www.livecoalgallery.com</u>.

Andy is located at 3000 Fenkell St., Detroit, MI 48238. The RED will be open by appointment and during public exhibitions and events. To visit The RED, email <u>info@theredmuseum.org</u> or call our Special Projects Manager at (313) 288-2854. To make a tax-deductible donation to Live Coal and support their work, visit https://miamifoundation.org/the-live-coal-gallery-fund/





