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Mark Arts to Unveil New \$20 Million Center on Jan. 6

WICHITA, Kansas – Mark Arts' \$20 million sophisticated and modern arts center will open to the public on Saturday, Jan. 6.

The new campus at 1307 N. Rock Road is an artistic hub for the entire community. The building will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 9:45 a.m.

Participants in the ribbon-cutting ceremony include:

Karla Fazio, president of the Mark Arts Board of Trustees

Sen. Jerry Moran

Congressman Ron Estes

Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell

Wichita City Councilman Pete Meitzner

Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Dave Unruh

Gary Plummer, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

"Mark Arts has something for everyone," said Katy Dorrah, executive director. "Take a class, become a member, buy art or book your next special event. Everything we do is about elevating the arts and inspiring the artist in all of us."

- Explore the nine state-of-the-art studios where creativity ignites. Instructors will be conducting art demonstrations in the studios, visitors will be able to enroll in classes in the education commons. The winter class quarter starts Monday, Jan. 8. Studios include ceramics, culinary, digital arts, drawing, metals, painting, printmaking, sculpture and youth.
- Experience the new great hall where memories will be made. Performances by local vocal and dance groups will take place throughout the day. The great hall is the premier venue for corporate meetings, special events and weddings.
- Come prepared to be inspired by the inaugural exhibition, the Mark Arts Kansas Invitational, which features art by prominent artists who have worked or lived in Kansas. Do not miss this opportunity to expand your collection - and your point of view. Guest curators were Sonia Greteman, Mike Michaelis and Chris Shank.

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The Mark Arts Unveiling is presented by Bank of America. Other lead sponsors include Soroptimist International of Wichita, Dondlinger Construction and Hatchett Devlin Automotive Group.

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About Mark Arts

The mission of Mark Arts is to be a vibrant arts hub in Wichita and the region by providing opportunities to appreciate and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning. It was originally founded in 1920 as the Wichita Art Association, later became The Wichita Center for the Arts and is the area's oldest visual arts organization. The gallery is open 10 a.m. To 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is free. Visit MarkArtsKS.com or call 316.634.2787.