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## **Gage Academy of Art Launches “Gage South” – A New Satellite Location in Georgetown**

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SEATTLE, WA – April 13, 2016 – Gage is pleased to announce an expansion of its operations to a new studio school at the **Equinox Studios** complex in the heart of Georgetown. This marks the first expansion for the 25-year old, unapologetically independent art school and cultural center whose main studio facility is located in Capitol Hill. This new, versatile 2000 sf space, named **Gage South**, will house a variety of year-round studio programs in painting, drawing and sculpture starting September 1, 2016. **Gage South** programs will include the exceptional **Contemporary Painting Atelier with Kim Trowbridge** and new **Core Drawing Atelier with Geoff Flack**, as well as specialty workshops, classes and teen programs.

“This is going to be an exciting next chapter for Gage, experiencing the kind of creative magic that happens when we add our voices to this vibrant community of artists and artisans,” said **Gage Executive Director Sheila Hughes**, “As an organization dedicated to championing art-making and ensuring that top quality arts instruction is accessible to anyone who wants to learn, we feel we bring something special to the mix, but we fully expect and look forward to being impacted and shaped by the vitality and energy of this special Georgetown world.”

### **ABOUT EQUINOX STUDIOS IN GEORGETOWN**

**Gage South** offers beautiful shared studio and teaching spaces within the vibrant **Equinox Studio** arts community, a sprawling, energetic industrial arts community that features fine and heavy arts studio space that is home to scores of fabricators, artists, artisans and now teaching artists. The original “Big Blue” warehouse contains 36 studios and shops with over 50 tenants in blacksmithing, metal sculpture, painting, ceramics, woodwork, leatherwork, glass and photography. **Gage** is excited to join this innovative enclave, dedicated to supporting and sustaining people and their art through creativity, collaboration and community.

Located on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South just off Michigan Avenue South, **Equinox Studio** was founded in 2006 as an consortium of artists and artisans in a rehabbed World War II era factory building in the quirky, alternative Georgetown neighborhood of Seattle. Now expanded to three converted

warehouse spaces, **Equinox** has transformed the faded buildings back to their original beauty of timber, post and beam architecture, exposed wood floors, ceilings and beams. The first **Equinox** Studio was the original home of the company that invented Norton Bomb Sights (the “crosshairs” that bombardiers would look through to zero in on their targets), and later the home of Mastermark Printing and Engraving. **Gage South** is located in the old McKinnon Furniture Warehouse, and is truly excited about being part of this vital collective that is growing and collaborating to create inspiring work and engage the public, allowing them to come and experience the arts in the place where they are made.

### **ATELIERS AT GAGE ACADEMY OF ART**

For more than 15 years, the jewel in the crown of **Gage** instruction has been its distinguished **Atelier Program**. An intensive studio program for the serious artist-in-training, **Ateliers** offer a contemporary variation on the traditional teaching model of the 19th-century European academies, where dedicated art students apprenticed with a master artist. In the last two years Gage has greatly expanded its Atelier program to from Classical Painting & Drawing, Contemporary Painting & Drawing and Still Life Painting to now include Figurative Sculpture, Contemporary Collage, Painting, & Drawing, and our new **Core Drawing Intensive**, each as vibrant and individual as the primary teaching artist.

The **Ateliers** (French for artist’s studio) run mid-September through mid-June, and are designed as multi-year or tailored to meet the needs of the individual student. Most of the Gage **Atelier** students are given an option for an individual studio space to complete projects independently under the guidance of their instructor. Working together in group studios, atelier students enjoy the benefit of creative influence and dialogue among their peers within a focused environment.

### **ABOUT GAGE ACADEMY OF ART**

Celebrating 25 years as a national center for classical training in the foundation principles of drawing, painting, and sculpture, **Gage Academy of Art**, a 501-C3 non-profit, features fine-art programs year-round that engage and inspire emerging and established artists of all ages and abilities through rigorous study and practice in the Realist tradition. For more information, connect with Gage on Facebook and Twitter, or visit [GageAcademy.org](http://GageAcademy.org).

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