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ART-SPEAK, THE CITY CULTURAL COMMISSION
TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL SPACE SYMPOSIUM

Art-Speak, the City Cultural Commission, will sponsor its 2nd annual artspace symposium in April 2005. The purpose of the symposium is to bring local and regional experts to Portsmouth to share information and success stories with the goal of facilitating the creation of affordable artspace and housing in Portsmouth. The information will be useful to city and regional planners, real-estate developers, and local citizens, including artists, seeking affordable space.

Two sessions are scheduled: Tuesday, April 5 from 7-9PM and Wednesday, April 20th from 6:30-9PM. Both sessions will be at Portsmouth City Hall.

Program sponsors include the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, The Housing Partnership, Portsmouth Emerging Artists Coalition, and Portsmouth Community Radio.

Art-Speak's *Artist Survey* and *Artspace Registry* will be launched on the evening of the first session, Tuesday, April 5th.

[See attached flyer for program details \(dates/time; speakers, and topics\).](#)

What is Art-Speak?

Art-Speak is the City Cultural Commission, an agency created as a direct result of the Portsmouth Cultural Plan. Art-Speak exists officially on behalf of the City of Portsmouth to represent and promote arts and culture, and to act on all related matters. Its mission is to “promote appreciation, awareness, participation, and dialogue in support of arts and culture. Art-Speak performs these services for the City of Portsmouth and its City Council and all artists and art/cultural-related organizations in the Seacoast community.”

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