

## SPINNING PLATE ARTIST LOFTS

5720 Friendship Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15206 • Opened 1998



### From new cars to new art

Long known as the Constantin Pontiac Building, this wedge-shaped three-story structure was built in 1926. Art deco was the reigning architectural style of the day, as evidenced by its terrazzo floors, sweeping staircases, and decorative exterior brickwork.

These elements were retained when the building was reborn as Spinning Plate Artist Lofts, Artspace's first project outside Minnesota. Spinning Plate's 37 live/work apartments offer open floor plans, large windows, and high ceilings. A special feature is a spacious first floor gallery in what was once part of the new car showroom — a bright, airy space that gives resident artists a convenient venue for showcasing their work.

Spinning Plate is in East Liberty, one of Pittsburgh's oldest and most diverse neighborhoods. Long in decline, the area is now experiencing a revival, thanks in part to the influence of this project, which has inspired other housing projects as well as new restaurants, shops, and other investments.

"In an atmosphere of liberty,  
artists and patrons are free  
to think the unthinkable  
and create the audacious."

*Ronald Reagan*  
*U.S. President*





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LIVE/WORK UNITS:	37
DEVELOPMENT COST:	\$4.7 million
TOTAL AREA:	55,000 sq. ft.
ARCHITECT:	Landmark Design Associates
DEVELOPMENT PARTNER:	Artists and Cities Development Corporation
FINANCING:	National City Bank of Pennsylvania National Equity Fund Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office Pittsburgh Urban Redevelopment Authority Strategic Investment Fund Partners
FUNDERS:	Heinz Endowment McCune Foundation The Pittsburgh Foundation