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**3S ARTSPACE ANNOUNCES RESTAURANT NAME, CONCEPT, AND PARTNERSHIP
WITH E&C HOSPITALITY CONSULTING SERVICES**

“Gather” Restaurant To Offer Affordable Farm-To-Table Dining Morning, Noon, and Night, Seven Days a Week

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., February 28, 2011 — 3S Artspace, New Hampshire’s first nonprofit contemporary arts space, today announced that its farm-to-table restaurant — “Gather” — will offer creative and affordable full-service, farm-to-table dining to the public for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, seven days a week. In conjunction with this news, 3S announced its partnership with Manchester, N.H.-based E&C Hospitality Consulting Services, which is working closely with 3S to design and implement a sustainable restaurant model that fulfills the organization’s broader mission.

“The name Gather embodies the essence of our restaurant concept in at least two ways,” noted MJ Blanchette, 3S board member. “One of our key objectives is that the restaurant will serve as a community gathering space — a place where people will come together to discuss and exchange ideas over creative, nurturing food and drink. Gather also actively communicates the restaurant’s farm-to-table philosophy of sourcing and serving local food whenever possible.”

3S Co-Founder Chris Greiner added, “What makes Gather particularly unique and exciting is that 3S envisions “food as programming”, meaning that we’ll apply the same creative, curatorial approach to the restaurant and menu that we’ll be bringing to both the art in the gallery and the events in the performance space. More than that, we’ll be integrating the programming between the three spaces as often as possible, so that each individual component also enhances visitors’ experiences of the other two. While the art gallery and performance space are equally important, our goal is for Gather to serve as the ‘beating heart’ of 3S, providing a steady rhythm all day long, every day of the week.”

3S’s partnership with E&C Hospitality Consulting Services delivers unparalleled expertise and insight that will be invaluable in the development and launch of its restaurant. As a partnership between Ed Aloise and Claudia Rippee, E&C Hospitality Consulting Services offers more than 30 years of restaurant experience in the New England, Colorado, and New York markets. While providing consulting services to a number of downtown Portsmouth restaurants, Mr.

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Aloise and Ms. Rippee also own and operate Manchester, N.H.'s "REPUBLIC, a singularly focused and committed farm-to-table restaurant.

"We are especially excited to be working with 3S in its development of Gather," stated Ed Aloise. "Our experience in the Portsmouth market and commitment to sustainable dining in our own restaurant make E&C a perfect partner for bringing this part of 3S to life. At its core, the farm-to-table concept is about building and supporting local community, which is a natural fit for an organization like 3S that aims to better connect its community by showcasing art in all its forms — including culinary."

About 3S Artspace

3S Artspace, slated to open in 2012, will be New Hampshire's first nonprofit, multidisciplinary contemporary arts space. Comprised of three spaces — a mid-sized performance venue, non-commercial art gallery and farm-to-table restaurant — 3S will foster the creative community, and engage and educate the community at large. Focusing on emerging, innovative and unconventional arts, 3S will feature local, regional and nationally and internationally recognized artists, presenting accessible, high quality programming across multiple media. As a dynamic cultural gathering place for the Seacoast region and beyond, 3S will provide artists and the public affordable farm-to-table dining and a welcoming venue for professional development, networking and the discussion and exchange of ideas. For more information about 3S, please visit www.3sarts.org or www.facebook.com/3SArtspace.

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