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CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART AND COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN ANNOUNCES SALE OF FORMER FILLMORE SCHOOL IN GEORGETOWN

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design in DC announced the signing of a Purchase and Sales Agreement (PSA) for its College campus at 1801 35th St. NW in Georgetown (formerly the Fillmore School). Due to historic highs in student enrollment and anticipated growth of the College, the Corcoran is in search of a more expansive and strategic space to house the College’s second campus.

The College’s main campus resides at the Corcoran’s downtown location at New York Avenue and Seventeenth Street NW. Currently, Corcoran officials are in search of an alternative space for classroom and studio spaces located at the Fillmore School.

“Fillmore offers approximately 26,000 square feet, but we are at a point where we need room to grow – and plan to release an RFP for a 45,000 square foot space to lease,” said Fred Bollerer, Corcoran’s Chief Operating Officer. “A decision will be made soon with more than enough time to facilitate a move.”

The College’s second campus will relocate to a new site in summer 2011, and activities currently taking place at the former Fillmore School will operate as planned up until that time.

The Corcoran’s College of Art + Design has grown in undergraduate and graduate programs under the direction of Provost and Dean Kirk Pillow.

“The degree program enrollment in the College this spring semester exceeded an ambitious goal of 552 undergraduate and graduate degree students with a total of 565 enrolled students, an increase of 17% from two years ago,” Pillow said. “The strategic direction of the College calls for continued growth over the upcoming years.”

The Board of Trustees’ decision to sell the Fillmore School property is part of the Corcoran’s ongoing analysis of its non-strategic assets, recently resulting in the sale of the former and vacant Randall School in Southwest Washington.

The former Fillmore School buyer is EastBanc, Inc., a DC development company specializing in the acquisition, redevelopment and management of commercial real estate assets.

The Corcoran purchased the property in 1997.

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