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### **Mark Arts Announces Sale of Current Building**

WICHITA, Kan. – Mark Arts has sold its current property at 9112 E. Central Ave. to Builders Inc.

Mark Arts has a new \$20 million educational arts center under construction at the southwest corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Rock Road that is expected to open in January 2018. The terms of the sale allow Mark Arts to continue occupancy on East Central through January 31, 2018.

“It’s a win-win for us,” says Katy Dorrah, Mark Arts’ executive director. “We are able to use the proceeds from this sale to help fund our new center while continuing to host national exhibitions and offer art classes to students of all ages without interruption through December 2017.”

Tom Johnson and Steve Martens of NAI Martens handled the sale for the Mark Arts Board of Trustees. Mark Arts has a rich history in Wichita, dating to its inception in 1920 as the Wichita Art Association. It became The Wichita Center for the Arts in 1990 and Mark Arts, the Mary R. Koch Arts Center, in 2016.

Mark Arts’ new 40,000-square-foot prairie-style arts center will feature a gallery and events center that hosts up to 700 people; state-of-the-art technology for teaching and exhibits; art and educational spaces optimized for creative media; a culinary teaching kitchen; a sculpture garden; gallery space for national exhibits; and green space for art fairs, special events and plein air classes.

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#### About Mark Arts

The mission of Mark Arts is to be a vibrant arts hub in Wichita and the region by providing opportunities to appreciate and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning. It was originally founded in 1920 as the Wichita Art Association, later became The Wichita Center for the Arts and is the area’s oldest visual arts organization. The galleries are open 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free. Visit [MarkArtsKS.com](http://MarkArtsKS.com) or call 316.634.2787.

MARY R KOCH ARTS CENTER