



Why Artists Choose Cleveland Arts Quarter

Interview with Beth and Alex Kelley

Proximity Gallery

Loftworks Building #1A, 1667 East 40th Street

- **Where did you live before moving here?** We moved here from an apartment in the Flats.

- **Why choose a live/work space in Cleveland?** The prospect of a space to both live and run a gallery for very reasonable rent was an opportunity we couldn't pass up. We have creative neighbors in the



building - unlike other place we've lived. Our landlord encouraged us to renovate our space. We built a laundry room, studio, and new floors in the gallery.

- **What kind of art do you create?** Alex draws and paints, and has done upholstery with custom fabric. Beth works in drawing and mixed media.
- **Has your production increased with the impact of a creative space?** Absolutely! Two things that have made a difference for us are 1) being able to



build our home studio and 2) becoming part of the arts community. There's nothing better than talking to other artists and art lovers at a Proximity opening

- and then at the end of the night to just walk around the corner and plop down on our couch!

- **What aspect of living and working do you enjoy?** Our jobs are close to where we live - so a short commute is a luxury we've gotten used to. Being in the middle of the city gives us access to both the east and west side. It's great to have a grocery store, and LOTS of fantastic restaurants nearby. We get a lot of takeout when we're working late in

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the studio or setting up a gallery show.

- **Do you participate in art shows, flea markets, holidays sales, open studios?** We've done the ArtSpace trolley tour and the Sparx City Hop. We welcome people into our space. Our favorite thing is to have college classes and younger kids come to show them that **Cleveland is a city where it's possible to set up a studio and a business in a really cool space like ours.**
- **How could Cleveland improve living for artists?** The city is already doing a lot to make Cleveland a liveable option for EVERYONE - by working to improve the Cleveland Metropolitan School System.

**ArtSpace-Cleveland - Thanks for thinking of us!
See you at Proximity Gallery in 2014! Beth & Alex**

Artists Looking for Space

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- Artist/certified electrician working in his garage wants to find a live-work space.

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