RYMAN LOFTS Affordable Housing for Nashville's Artist Community

- Ryman Lofts is Nashville's first affordable housing community with a specific preference for up and coming artists
- The artists' residence will feature 60 one- and three-bedroom affordable rental apartments that include unconventional floor plans more conducive to artistic endeavors



- Ryman Lofts will be located on Hermitage Avenue at Middleton Street near the one-time home of Captain Thomas Ryman, who oversaw the 1890s construction of the downtown auditorium that today bears his name
- Close proximity to downtown Nashville's live music scene, as well as a large number of art galleries
- Available to people earning 60% or less of the area median income
- Once an applicant is financially qualified to reside at Ryman Lofts a committee composed of representatives from Nashville's arts and legal communities will evaluate each applicant's artistic qualifications
- Nashville-based Smith Gee Studio, the project designer, facilitated focus groups comprised
 of musicians, dancers, actors and visual artists, and developed their design based on the
 diverse needs of different artist groups
- Amenities include built in places inside and outside of the building for art displays, abundant natural lighting, industrial-grade fixtures and easily maintained finishes, along with on-site parking and ample common space
- All units will be equipped with energy efficient ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers stacked washer/dryer hook-ups and central heat and air
- In addition to ample community space, the building will offer laundry facilities and a security buzzer access system
- The project is being designed with the goal of **LEED Silver** certification
- The Ryman Lofts development is part of the overall revitalization of Rolling Mill Hill and the surrounding Rutledge Hill neighborhood
- Occupancy planned for Fall 2012