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1 Million Cups St. Paul hosts Two Saint Paul Art Startups At the James J. Hill Center January 21, 9-10 AM

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – (January 16, 2015) – James J. Hill Center will host Midway Murals and Can Can Wonderland, two Saint Paul art startups at 1 Million Cups St. Paul on January 21 in advance of the Springboard for the Arts Flourish! Resource Fair. A fair that helps artists make a living and a life.

1 Million Cups, a free program to engage, educate and connect startups with the goal to build a strong startup community over a cup of coffee and a conversation. The program is hosted in over 60 cities across the U.S. and runs from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. every Wednesday. 1 Million Cups St. Paul is organized by the James J. Hill Center, Grey Cloud Studio, Agency Nord and coffee is sponsored every week by CityKid Java. 1 Million Cups, developed by the Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, was created to expand our nation's entrepreneurial network. For more information, visit 1millioncups.com.

On January 21, 1 Million Cups St. Paul will host **Midway Murals** a project transforming a half-mile stretch of Snelling Avenue during the summer of 2015. This will be done by commissioning four experienced public artists to collaborate with immigrant business owners and create murals that weave together the themes of "starting anew." Can Can Wonderland will also be presenting. **Can Can Wonderland** is a rag tag bunch of artists and makers who have banded together to construct a miniature golf course of such epic grandeur it will take a community and a generation to build.

For more information visit www.1MillionCups.com/StPaul. Or visit our Twitter page at @1MillionCupsSPL

ABOUT JAMES J. HILL CENTER

The Hill is committed to being an iconic place to learn, convene and connect in – the community, business, the arts, technology, innovation and celebration. Our goal is to provide relevance to the community and to build sustainable and lasting relationships that enable entrepreneurial activities and economic prosperity by encouraging the exchange of ideas and the pursuit of solutions. The Hill has been offering the community access to data and research for over 90 years. It was the goal of James J. Hill that anyone should have access to research and data to help them succeed. The James J. Hill Center has found success in entertainment programs as well – The Real- Phonic Radio Hour takes place every 3rd Thursday of the month. The Real Phonic house band fills the Reading Room with great music with local and national guest artists.

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