

Williams & Russell CDC Opens Ticket Sales for Inaugural Gala, Harlem on the Hill

Tickets go on sale July 15 for the February 27, 2027 Gala as Williams & Russell CDC completes the first phase of its Hill Block redevelopment in Albina

PORTLAND, OR, UNITED STATES, July 15, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, [Williams & Russell CDC](#) released tickets to the public for [Harlem on the Hill: A Night at the Cotton Club](#), the organization's inaugural gala, taking place Saturday, February 27, 2027, at the Portland Art Museum.

The gala marks a new chapter for Williams & Russell CDC and arrives alongside a major milestone in its work: the completion of the first phase of its redevelopment of the historic Hill Block. This includes 20 affordable homeownership townhomes, 10 two-bedroom and 10 three-bedroom units - four with accessible ground-floor living - built on a site at North Russell Street and North Williams Avenue that was once home to a thriving Black community before it was taken through eminent domain during 1970s urban renewal.

The completed homes are the first realized piece of a broader vision for the 2.99-acre Hill Block site, which will also include additional affordable rental housing and a business and community hub.

"This gala is about celebrating what happens when community, vision, and investment meet in one place," said Azalea Renfield, CEO of Williams & Russell CDC. "These homes are proof that reparative development works. Harlem on the Hill gives us a chance to bring people into that celebration and invest in what comes next."

Public ticket sales begin July 15, 2026. No access code is required. [Early bird](#) rates launch from July 15 through July 31. Sponsorship packages, offered separately from general ticket sales, may include reserved seating, tables, named experiences, hospitality, entertainment, and mission-centered recognition.





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Seats for Harlem on the Hill are limited. Williams & Russell CDC will share the public ticketing link and sponsor announcements in the coming months.

Williams & Russell CDC is a nonprofit community development organization working to restore and revitalize Portland's historic Hill Block in Albina. Its community-led redevelopment effort includes affordable rental housing, affordable homeownership, and a business and community hub on a long-vacant site at North Russell Street and North Williams Avenue. Through housing,

economic development, community space, and partnership, Williams & Russell CDC is advancing a place-based reparative development model rooted in history, repair, and future opportunity.

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