## **ALUMNUS ERIC HESS WORKS TO PRESERVE HISTORIC BUILDING**

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MFA program alumnus Eric Hess (MFA, 2018) is the founder and director of the Sanctuary Glass Studio and Sanctuary Arts School in Shreveport, Louisiana. He recently reported that he has an exciting and challenging new project: working to save a deteriorating historic building in Shreveport. A recent article about the grassroots project reported that Hess has been working to acquire the building and restore it for some time. The article quotes Hess stating, "I am from New Orleans... Saving historic buildings is huge there. I was kind of situated into loving older buildings and architecture and preserving history. I started coming back and forth to Shreveport about 29 years ago. ... I thought, 'Why isn't this building being restored?' It's an amazing structure. One of the top three in the city."

To read more about Eric's efforts to save the building to create an art school and community center, read the full article <u>here</u> or see the Sanctuary Arts <u>website</u>

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