

## **Restalgic Atelier Opens New Location Downtown**

*The final business in Phase I of the City-sponsored Ground Floor Growth Initiative to open*

**(Columbus, OH)** – Restalgic Atelier will celebrate the grand opening of their new Downtown location on Saturday, August 23 at 11 a.m. at 83 N. High St. with a ribbon cutting, special giveaways, pottery workshop sign-ups, prizes, and more.

Restalgic Atelier is the final business to open in Phase I of [Ground Floor Growth](#), an initiative led by Columbus City Councilmember Nicholas J. Bankston alongside Downtown Columbus, Inc.

Restalgic Atelier is expanding into an upscale pottery studio offering a curated collection of home goods, art, skincare, plant life and creative classes. Restalgic Atelier is also celebrating its five-year anniversary, under the leadership of owner Nathan Johnson.

On the day of the grand opening, the first 50 customers will receive a free candle, with any purchase. Guests can also enjoy door busters, exclusive prizes, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and workshop sign-ups. The small business's new space will be located at 83 N. High St. and open Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday to Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Mondays.

The Ground Floor Growth Initiative is designed to uplift small, local businesses in the community while working to fill vacant ground floor retail space in the Gay Street District, further transforming Downtown into a diverse marketplace.

"This final business opening in Phase I marks an incredible milestone for the Ground Floor Growth Program," said Councilmember Nicholas J. Bankston. "The heart of the city is beating stronger than ever with the addition of five new businesses to Downtown Columbus."

"There's something electric about being Downtown," said Restalgic Atelier owner Nathan Johnson. "It moves fast, and we love keeping pace. So many brilliant minds have come together to build on something that was already great, and we're grateful to be part of the movement."

The Ground Floor Growth Program was a direct outcome from the community in the 2022 Downtown Strategic Plan, where they asked for more retail that is reflective of the rich diversity of Columbus to better serve residents and workers in the neighborhood. Councilmember Nicholas J. Bankston led the charge to deliver this directive from the community, in partnership with Downtown Columbus, Inc., by creating the Ground Floor Growth Initiative.

The businesses in Phase I now open include Black Kahawa, Evolverie Clothing, Quality Wellness Performance & Coaching, and Three Bites Bakery. These small businesses, situated in the Gay Street District, are walkable to one another and complement the many long-standing Downtown businesses that have thrived in this area.

Phase II businesses recently announced include Toro Meat Market and Dos Hermanos, which will open this fall at 150 E. Gay St. and 16 N. High St., respectively.

"The Ground Floor Growth Initiative has served as the rising tide to lift all boats in the Gay Street District," said Downtown Columbus, Inc. President Amy Taylor. "The program has catalyzed other small businesses to open Downtown, creating a more vibrant retail ecosystem in this node."

More information on Restalgic Atelier can be found at <https://www.restalgic.com/>

More information on Ground Floor Growth and other businesses involved in the program can be found at <https://downtowncolumbus.com/projects-initiatives/ground-floor-growth-project/>

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Downtown Columbus, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization whose mission is to lead city-changing projects and collaborations that improve the connectivity, livability, and inclusivity of the Downtown Columbus experience. Downtown Columbus, Inc. drives development and progress of the Downtown Columbus Strategic Plan, working across sectors toward the vision for Downtown Columbus to become a neighborhood of connected, people-first urban districts that can be enjoyed by all. Learn more at [downtowncolumbus.com](http://downtowncolumbus.com).

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