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Eric Firestone launching downtown gallery today

Remember Warhol's "The Factory"?

Sure you do. It was Andy Warhol's studio, but also a hot, hip place where all the Glams of the '70s hung out to see and be seen.

That's sort of what Eric Firestone is shooting for with his new downtown Eric Firestone Gallery. If anybody can do it, he can.

He has converted a 9,000-square-foot historic warehouse into a gallery, a concert hall, a boutique and much more. There will be film screenings there, and book signings and trunk shows. In short, it'll be a happening place — or so Firestone hopes.

At least he's launching it in style: The opening is slated for 6 to midnight today.

Blackwood and Co. will play; the gallery will be open, and you'll see works by Olivier Mosset, Clifton Taylor and Jeff Bursey; and TIN, a "lifestyle" shop, is slated to be open, too. TIN features an eclectic array of items from around the world, from imported chocolates to designer hats.

The warehouse is at 403 N. Sixth Ave. at Seventh Street; 882-2616 is the phone number.

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