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2016 IDEA COMPETITION

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MACON LOUNGE

366 N. 20TH STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43203

THIS PLACE MATTERS. WHAT'S NEXT?

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WHAT'S NEXT? SHOW US HOW YOU VALUE THIS BUILDING'S PAST AND FUTURE THROUGH SKETCH, SONG, PROSE, POETRY, VIDEO, OR ANY VARIETY OF MEDIUM YOU CHOOSE. **SUBMIT YOUR CELEBRATION ON THIS CARD TO COLUMBUS LANDMARKS FOUNDATION AT 57 JEFFERSON AVE, COLUMBUS OH, 43215, OR AT COLUMBUSLANDMARKS.ORG** FOR YOUR ENTRY TO BE FEATURED AT OUR DISPLAY EVENT IN THE FALL.

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THE MACON LOUNGE IS ON THE COLUMBUS REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES AND IMPORTANT TO THE HISTORY OF THE NEAR EAST SIDE, ONCE KNOWN AS THE CRADLE OF JAZZ. THE LOUNGE WAS ONE OF SEVERAL LOCATIONS WHERE JAZZ MUSICIANS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY BOTH STAYED AND SHOWCASED THEIR CRAFT. AT THE TIME, THE MACON WAS IN GOOD COMPANY WITH OTHER CLUBS – THE YACHT CLUB, JAMAICA, AND SKURDY'S – WHERE LIVE JAZZ WAS PERFORMED AND SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY. THE BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1888 AND IN 1915 WAS PART OF WHAT WAS KNOWN AS THE HILDRETH BLOCK. IN 1942, IT HOUSED EARL FOLEY'S BILLIARDS PARLOR AND THE MACON HOTEL. LIKE OTHER CULTURAL LANDMARKS, THE MACON'S DECLINE CAME WITH THE BUILDING OF INTERSTATE 70, WHICH CUT OFF THE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM DOWNTOWN. IN THE 1980S, THE BUILDING WAS RENOVATED AND STILL FEATURES MODEST ITALIANATE DETAILING POPULAR IN THE LATE 1800S. TODAY, THE BUILDING SHOWS OBVIOUS SIGNS OF NEGLECT, AND THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS, INCLUDING THE FORMER BALLROOM, HAVE BEEN GUTTED. THE CITY OF COLUMBUS HAS ISSUED CODE VIOLATIONS.