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Arts groups join forces to save historic SoHo

■ Art organisations in Manhattan including the Drawing Center, Artists Space, the Judd Foundation and the Center for Modern Italian Art (Cima) joined forces last month to form the SoHo Arts Network. The group aims to preserve the neighbourhood's artistic legacy in the face of gentrification. So far, it has published a cultural guide to SoHo and is planning walking tours and talks. "The network not only recognises the neighbourhood's tremendous artistic heritage, but also its continued vibrancy," says Heather Ewing, the executive director of Cima, which led the initiative. *R.C.*