

# December's Art 'Happenings'

*Impacting the Community Through the Arts*

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We here at Yonkers Arts would like to wish you ALL an amazing Holiday Season & Happy New Year. If you're anything like us, you're excited for the start of a new year full of blessings!

Please stay safe in the next couple of weeks! Look forward to connecting with you all in 2021!!



## **Municipal Housing Authority Taps Yonkers Arts to Improve Quality of Life for Residents through Art Installations at Multiple Locations.**

Municipal Housing Authority of Yonkers (MHACY) and the City of Yonkers have engaged Yonkers Arts to enhance and improve the quality of life for their residents and surrounding neighborhoods in more than 15 locations.

Art, in all its forms, is a language that speaks to the soul, stimulates the mind and warms the heart, says Ray Wilcox; Executive Director of Yonkers Arts. For over a decade, Yonkers Arts has been dedicated to promoting local art, artists, and cultural organizations throughout the City of Yonkers.

The purpose of the project; according to Adam Shultz, co-president of Yonkers Arts, is to place great art and develop integrated aesthetic solutions inside and outside of MHACY senior living, senior assisted, low income family residential, and townhouses.

The project will develop in phases across 2021 and possibly beyond.



## Board Member Highlight: jose gonzales



Jose A. Gonzalez is a local artist who has been making art ever since he can remember. Growing up in southwest Yonkers, his art portrays a strong urban feel that is bright and colorful but with poignant messaging. Jose is a curator and also the Co-founder of We Art One artist collective.

His work has been viewed at galleries all throughout Yonkers, as well as various establishments throughout New York City. Jose and the team continues to create opportunities for young artists through the collective and continues to serve as an integral board member of Yonkers Arts.



## Welcome to our Exhibition and Performing Arts Space!!

We've been working hard on our space at the Carpet Mills Arts District. The Yonkers Arts Space, will be a fully functional Exhibition and Performing Art Space! While we don't have a tangible launch date, we'll continue to keep you updated on our new developments!

Introducing the latest addition to the #YonkersArtsSpace!! The 3D die cut acrylic logo was done by our friends at Speed Pro Imaging in Mount Vernon. Ask for Jon! The light system installation was done by our very own Adam Shultz!

## Ray Wilcox to be Honored by Nepperhan Community Center & MBK for MLK Celebration

We're excited to announce that Ray Wilcox will be honored by the Nepperhan Community Center & MBK for his dynamic work in the community. From spearheading the Black Lives Matter Mural, to his work with Yonkers Arts, the PowerLab, the public schools, and the City of Yonkers. And MORE!

Stay tuned for more information on the virtual celebration in the upcoming weeks!





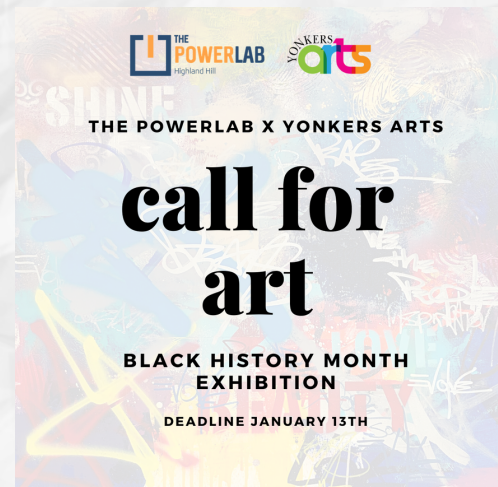
Mural commissioned by Westhab in their Bronx location

## Westhab Taps Yonkers Arts for Mural in Bronx Location!

Westhab commissioned Yonkers Arts to create an amazing art installation/mural for their new property in the Bronx. Yonkers Arts reached out to resident muralist and board member Evan Bishop to take on the task.

Here's a preview of what Evan was able to create!

## Call for Art! Yonkers Arts x The PowerLab Black History Month Art Exhibition



The PowerLab x Yonkers Arts is announcing our next 'Call for Art' for our Black History Month Exhibition.

Please submit your work by January 13th to be considered.

## Virtual Programming



Last week we had the pleasure of talking to Rosa Sudol, the Community Development Program Assistant for the department of Planning & Development for the City of Yonkers. The force behind the public art installations and murals happening here in our city!!



On Saturday, December 12th, 6PM; Yonkers Arts & Collective for a Cause partnered to bring you the first Music x Art Mashup by UNISON. We celebrated Collective for a Cause's 8th Annual Virtual Coat Drive! Hosted by Fuge Edwards.

## Greyston Workforce Development Youth Program & Yonkers Arts

If you are a student, or have a student, who is interested in being an intern for Yonkers Arts or the PowerLab; please send me a message immediately as we're partnering with the Greyston Foundation on their workforce development youth program!

### GREYSTON

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT YOUTH PROGRAM

Greyston's Youth Program provides education, employment, training, and other workforce development services. Participants can expect to receive soft skills training that includes individual mock interviews and resume preparation.



Engage in work-readiness activities to help with:

- Decision-making
- Goal setting and achievement
- Team building and teamwork
- Etiquette
- Self-respect and respect for others
- Verbal and nonverbal communication skills
- Budgeting and credit repair
- Community and workplace diversity awareness

Also learn about "world of work" issues such as:

- Job expectations
- Time management
- Functioning within a hierarchy
- Integrity and sociability

### WE PROVIDE

- Occupational skills training
- Job placement assistance
- Dropout prevention strategies
- Paid and unpaid work experience
- Financial literacy education
- Entrepreneurial skills training
- Leadership development opportunities
- Support services and counseling
- Tutoring
- Adult mentoring
- Labor and employment information
- Post-secondary preparation

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be between 18-24 years old
- Must be a Yonkers resident
- Males must be registered in Selective Service

For required documentation or more information, please call:

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*Edited Content to Follow!!*