Support Black Artist Engagement in Temporary Murals & More

Volunteer Overview: Seeking individuals who are confident, comfortable, and interested in being partnered with a Black artist and provide support while they paint a mural on temporary boarded-up buildings or other formats as a community canvas. Volunteers can be white, but they must be allies.

Volunteer Duties include:

- Since Black artists often get challenged when doing murals alone in public, if you’re white, know that you are providing subtle social protection for them so they can work. It’s the same principle as we’ve seen in protests where white allies lock arms in front of a group of Black protesters to try and use police fear of visibly harming white people. But you won’t be in any danger.
- Listen to the artists and take direction from them.
  - Get food or drink for them so they can continue to work. If you have to spend your money, you will be reimbursed.
  - Guard their stuff when they take a break
  - You may be asked to assist on the actual artwork, such as fill buckets with water, clean brushes, etc. That’s OK, whatever assistance the artist needs please provide.
- It’s the artist's show, you are in a supporting role. Do not speak for the artist, but ensure the artist can speak for themselves.
- Remind observers to maintain 6ft of distance and follow CDC guidelines as COVID-19 is still a concern. If the artist doesn’t want any non-masked people close, respect that and ask non-masked people to stay even further back.
  - Prioritize space for Black observers. This may trigger white people who are used to pushing themselves ahead. Be prepared for some pushback.

Volunteers will be provided with:

- Safety vest for high visibility.
- Documentation and contact information necessary for each specific site, for example: business owner and/or property owner contact information, right of way permits, and other organizers’ contact information.

Volunteers will be needed on a case-by-case basis and contacted as needed.

Volunteers must sign a liability waiver and be over the age of 18 or accompanied by a parent or guardian.