

# harlem is . . . HEALING: Celebrating Heroes of the Pandemic

## An Outdoor Public Art Exhibition

St. Nicholas Ave. between 120<sup>th</sup> and 121<sup>st</sup> Streets

On View August 12-December 17, 2022

## EXHIBITION GUIDE



A Project of **Community Works & New Heritage Theatre Group** in partnership with the **NYC Department of Transportation's Art Program**

WELCOME to **harlem is...HEALING**: a public art and education program by Community Works NYC and New Heritage Theatre Group to celebrate local heroes of the pandemic and social justice movements. This exhibition highlights 9 of our 50 honorees from the front lines of health care, environment, community, religion, youth & education, and arts & culture. Over the past two years, through our online exhibition and social media posts, we have spotlighted people who seek to help heal the disproportionate effects on Harlem from Covid and the turmoil over social justice by distributing food, creating jobs and offering spiritual, financial and emotional well-being. For more than 32 years, our mission has been to connect neighborhoods through the arts and education.

"This sidewalk exhibit is an invitation for the public to acknowledge that our heroes are local, people who work daily towards a better community," said Barbara Horowitz, Founder & President of Community Works. The honorees include: **Arva Rice**, President and CEO of the NY Urban League; **Jackie Rowe-Adams**, co-founder of Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E; **Akemi Kochiyama**, writer, activist; **Andrea Arroyo**, artist, activist; **Robin Bell-Stevens**, Director and Executive Producer of Jazzmobile; **Dietrice Bolden**, Managing Director of IMPACT Repertory Theatre; Rev. **Michael A. Walrond Jr.**, Senior Pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church; **Tau**

**Battice**, Harlem photographer; and **Winston Majette**, Executive Director, the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce. "What better way to celebrate HarlemWeek than to note the best contributions of our own people," said Voza Rivers, Executive Producer, New Heritage Theatre Group and HarlemWeek executive producer.

**harlem is...HEALING** is a project of **Community Works & New Heritage Theatre Group** in partnership with the **NYC Department of Transportation's Art Program**. The outdoor exhibit was designed by Clara Alonso and features the photography of Tau Battice, with project management by Connie Lee of Art Lives Here. Support for photography and public programming provided by **Con Edison** and **Humanities New York**.



**harlem is...HEALING** is a featured program of **HARLEM WEEK 2022**

**Learn more about harlem is... and stay connected with Community Works!**

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## SELF-GUIDED TOUR ACTIVITIES

We invite you to tour this exhibition and find inspiration in these community stories that you can build upon for further learning and social action. You can also connect to the full **harlem is...HEALING** digital exhibition and curriculum guide online at [www.harlem-is.org](http://www.harlem-is.org).

**EXPLORE:** Read each of the tribute panels and learn about the dynamic ways these individuals are doing sustainable healing work in the Harlem community. Scan the QR codes to view the full online exhibition.

**DISCUSS:** What does Harlem mean to you? What does your community need to support its ongoing healing from this health crisis and racial inequality? How can you and others work collectively to support community renewal where you live?

**CREATE:** Take inspiration from these honorees and draw portraits of them. Write haikus or found word poetry using their bios and quotes. Create a vision board for community healing in Harlem or wherever you live.

**SHARE:** Capture photos of you next to an honoree that you are inspired by and share it on social media to inform others about their story. Tag us on your posts @communityworksny #harlemishealing

**RESEARCH:** Identify the local heroes in your neighborhood who are making a difference in the fields of health, education, art, economic empowerment, and justice. Interview them and write an article or mount an exhibit to honor their contributions and spread good news.

## GUIDED TOURS AND WORKSHOPS

Community Works and New Heritage Theatre will be organizing free group tours of the exhibit with artist educator Daniel Carlton. For more information or to schedule a group tour, call Barbara Horowitz at 917-757-2242 or email [bh@communityworksny.org](mailto:bh@communityworksny.org)



Scan this QR code to visit *harlem is...HEALING* digital exhibition online! The digital exhibition features 50 profiles, video dialogues, and a rich curriculum guide. Visit [www.harlem-is.org](http://www.harlem-is.org) for lots more, including our exhibitions on theater, music, and dance!

