

HARLEM IS... AT HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER

MUSIC, THEATER AND DANCE

A PROJECT OF COMMUNITY WORKS NYC AND NEW HERITAGE THEATRE GROUP

EXHIBITION GUIDE

Community Works NYC and New Heritage Theatre Group are proud to share with you our permanent exhibition of **harlem is . . .** Music, Theater & Dance at the historic Harlem Hospital Center, located at 506 Lenox Ave at 136th Street. Honoring more than 100 legendary people, places, and institutions, it is a unique salute to the healing power of art and to the creative people who have built and are sustaining Harlem's cultural legacy.

Each component illustrates a different aspect of Harlem's artistic character, weaving together research, interviews, and creative writing by young people with archival and contemporary elements.

Developed over 23 years and chronicling a century of Harlem's evolution, the exhibit has toured to over 30 institutions citywide and been viewed by three million people and now proudly has a permanent home in the heart of Harlem at the Harlem Hospital Center.

You can visit the main exhibit honoring the history of music, theater, & dance and featuring a short video that places it in historic context on the second floor outside the beautiful Herbert Cave Auditorium.

You can also visit the exhibition's illustrated 100-year timeline of Harlem's history in the first floor Mural Pavilion alongside the historic and breathtaking WPA murals.

"We are so fortunate to be at the Harlem Hospital Center, an institution that believes in art as healing and the power of community learning. We are confident that generations to come will learn from this important installation," said Barbara Horowitz, founder and president of Community Works NYC.

Voza Rivers, Executive Producer of New Heritage Theatre stated that the exhibit is such an amazing opportunity for young people to learn about the remarkable cultural history of this community and begin to realize the transformational role it continues to lay in our lives.

harlem is . . . Music, Theater & Dance is a program of Community Works NYC and New Heritage Theatre Group and was designed by Whirlwind Creative and features the contemporary photographs of Ruth Morgan.

This exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Michael Davidson, Community Works' beloved Board Chair for over 25 years.

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...MUSIC, THEATER & DANCE** digital exhibition and curriculum guide online at www.harlem-is.org.

EXPLORE:

Read each of the tribute panels and learn about the dynamic ways these individuals have contributed to performing arts in the Harlem community. See www.harlem-is.org to view the full online exhibition.

DISCUSS:

What does Harlem mean to you? What does your community need to support the transformational power of arts towards community and towards social justice? How can you and others work collectively to support community arts where you live?

CREATE:

Take inspiration from these honorees and draw portraits of them. Write a haiku or found word poetry using their bios and quotes. Create a vision board for looking at the power of art 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.

RESEARCH:

Identify the local heroes in your neighborhood who are making a difference in art, music and dance. Share with one another your participation in local choir groups or dance programs. Interview those who make art or perform and write an article or mount an exhibit to honor their contributions and spread good news.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GUIDED TOURS

Community Works and New Heritage Theatre Group will be organizing free group tours of the exhibit. For more information or to schedule a group tour, call 917-757-2242 or email bh@communityworksnyc.org.

Location, Hours: 506 Lenox Avenue/Malcolm X Boulevard at 136th Street.. Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Thursdays and Saturdays 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

