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PeaceState Announces Peace Art Activism, an In-Person and Digital Art Activist Event to Aid the Fight Against Police Brutality

June 23, 2020 -- LOUISVILLE, KY -- PeaceState, Louisville's first intersectional art activist collective, today announced their second Peace Art Activism fundraiser, an in-person and digital collaborative art activism event to aid the fight against police brutality and white supremacy.

The goal of this event is to harness the power of artwork to disrupt systemic oppression, confront police brutality, and amplify the voices of BIPOC. Though priority is given to BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ artists, submissions are open to any artist whose values align with PeaceState's mission.

"Art provides insight into tragedy; creative 2D and 3D bodies of art to convey deep emotional despair," explains writer and fashion designer Ajeé Buggam. "[It] brings forth hope to the Black community that our pain is not in vain and other people recognize our loss, and will fight oppressive systems that abuse their power."

This event will take place on June 26, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM EST. You can participate by joining them at the Pigment Gallery (E5) of Louisville's Mellwood Art and Entertainment Center, or visiting their website at the time of the event.

There is a suggested donation of \$20.00 to \$30.00 for admission, but guests will not be turned away for lack of funds. Admission grants attendees access to all components of the event, and each component is available both digitally and in-person. This includes the ability to view a live gallery, access to a silent auction, raffle entry through purchasing event tickets, access to live digital performances, and more. Proceeds will primarily benefit NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Black Trans Women, and Black Trans Men, with each artist given the option to claim a small stipend for their participation. For full event details, please visit PeaceState's events page.

During the event, precautions will be taken in-line with CDC guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to a strict occupancy limit, social distancing, and recommendation of facial coverings upon entry.

*In the interest of acknowledging privilege, PeaceState would like to note that the primary organizers for this event are white. Though each of the organizers is dedicated to anti-racism and decolonization, PeaceState acknowledges the potential for knowledge gaps as a product of the organizers' identities. As such, PeaceState is committed to adjusting and adapting based on feedback. Peace Art Activism will emphasize the creative efforts of the artists involved, with each of the organizers maintaining a supporting role.

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