



## Call for Artists

### Creating from the HeART: Cultivating our Beloved Community

On Thursday, April 27th [LifeBridge Community Services](#), a Bridgeport based nonprofit, will host its [Creating from the HeART: Cultivating Our Beloved Community](#) event at [The Knowlton](#). This community celebration of self-expression and wellbeing through the arts will feature leading industry experts, a Gallery & Silent Auction and an Urban Scholars Student Showcase. The event will unite our community around the healing of urban and racial trauma through artistic and poetic self-expression. Our inspiring Keynote speaker, [Cey Adams](#), founding creative director of Def Jam Recordings, will share his journey as an artist.

This free event will accommodate over 450 guests including patrons, collectors, fellow artists, community leaders, business partners, students and more!

## **CALL FOR ARTISTS**

We are seeking visual artists who are part of or affiliated with the Bridgeport community to participate in our Artist Gallery and Silent Auction. Guests will have the opportunity to mingle and meet the artists while bidding on artwork from each artist's gallery through our mobile online bidding platform. All interested collectors are welcome to bid from April 1st through April 30th. This allows those in attendance to bid in person and a remote bidding option for interested parties unable to attend.

### **Artist Gallery and Silent Auction Benefits:**

- Selected Artwork included in the Online Bidding Gallery April 1st – 30th
- On-site Gallery space
- Meet & Greet with [Cey Adams | Visual Artist](#) during the post event VIP reception
- Inclusion in all event marketing promoting the silent auction
- Minimum of 3 LifeBridge email blasts reaching over 2,000 recipients
- 1 social media post (with tags) per artist featuring gallery bidding pieces
- Listing on Artist Gallery section of event page with bio and headshot and link to pieces in the auction
- Listing as a participant in local and regional press releases
- Listing as a participant in statewide community calendars
- Submission of one art piece to be displayed/auctioned at the Beloved Community Gala on June 29th
- Opportunity to participate in a LifeBridge Fellowship program in 2023 (optional)

## **Application / Submission Requirements:**

- Submissions Due by Sunday, March 5th - **All fields must be completed**
- Minimum of 1 piece and a Maximum of 5 pieces to submit for consideration
- Donate 25% of all proceeds of the gallery and silent auction sales to LifeBridge to support our mission and our community

## Artwork Specs:

- All artwork must be wired and ready to hang
- 48 inch maximum size
- All artwork must be dropped off at The Knowlton on Monday, April 24th (4p-7p) or Tuesday, April 25th (12p-4p) during designated drop off timeframes
- All physical artwork must be taken back by the artist at the end of the event on April 27th

## Please Note:

The theme of our event is Beloved Community and [The Six Principles of Nonviolence](#).

We are looking for artwork that reflects your perspective of community

This is an all-ages show

For questions please contact Ashley Keller, 203-556-9695 or [info@littleblackbusinessbook.com](mailto:info@littleblackbusinessbook.com)

If you are unable to access the [Google Doc Application](#) please contact Ashley for direct email submission.