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INVITATION TO THE ART EXHIBITION “CONNECTING US 2 TRASH”

Opening Date: March 31, 2025

Exhibition Duration: March 31, 2025 - May 3, 2025

Location: New Orleans Healing Center

Join Us for a Transformative Experience!

We are excited to announce the official opening of our thought-provoking group art exhibition, “**CONNECTING US 2 TRASH**”, which addresses the pervasive issues of consumerism and its consequences on the environment. This impactful exhibition will run from March 31 to May 3, 2025, and aims to shed light on how we can rethink trash as a valuable resource rather than mere waste. Join us for a thought-provoking group art exhibition that challenges perceptions of waste and consumerism. "Where Does Your Trash Go?" explores the often-overlooked journey of our discarded materials, inviting viewers to reflect on their recycling habits and the impact of their choices on the environment.

At the heart of this exhibition is **CONNECTING US 2 Trash**, an initiative that picks up trash and repurposes it into new products. As artists committed to sustainability, we delve into the realm of upcycling, transforming what society often deems as trash into innovative and meaningful works of art. Each piece in this collection embodies a

story — a dialogue between materials and intention, highlighting the potential inherent in discarded items. From meticulously crafted sculptures to vibrant installations, these artworks stand as a testament to creativity's power to uplift and repurpose the remnants of our consumer-driven culture.

This exhibition encourages you to reconsider what happens after you take your recyclables to the curb. We aim to provoke conversations about responsibility, resourcefulness, and the beauty that can arise from the leftovers of modern living. Join us in celebrating the artistry that emerges from the heaps of forgotten waste, and discover how together we can reimagine the lifecycle of our trash.

Be inspired, engage in discussions, and witness firsthand how the afterthoughts of consumerism can be transformed into something extraordinary. It's time to rethink, repurpose, and re-envision the legacy we leave behind.

Through the innovative works of various artists, the show encapsulates the transformative potential of discarded materials, emphasizing sustainability and creativity.

Kick-Off Events:

- **Group Panel Discussion: Trash, Consumerism and Art - Be The Change!**

Date: April 17, 2025

Time: 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: New Orleans Healing Center

Featured Panelists Include:

- Adam Farrington, Jessica Strahan, Josh Hailey (New Orleans Artists)

- Ric Kasini Kadour (Kolaj Institute)
- Rodney Griffin, Rosemarie O’Connell, Shakiem “Paradoxx” Rhodes (Le Mysterium Art Collective)
- Selected Hats from Members of the Milliner’s Association of Nigeria
- Agape Jasmine Pennywell (Atlanta)
- Featured cardboard guitars by former students of Light Christian Academy (2018)

Join our engaging panel of artists and curator Madera Rogers-Henry as they dive into discussions about environmental responsibility and the need for reimagining waste in our culture.

A Call to Action:

“CONNECTING US 2 TRASH” invites attendees to reflect on their consumption habits and encourages them to bring clean recyclables to the event. Enjoy complimentary light beverages and desserts while participating in crucial conversations about sustainability and creative solutions for environmental challenges.

Meet the Artists:

Take this opportunity to deepen your appreciation of the exhibition's themes at our informal panel discussion on April 17, 2025. Featured artists will share their insights on the intersection of art, waste, and consumer culture, fostering dialogue about innovative approaches to sustainability.

Future Phases:

While our initial phase focuses on highlighting the importance of art in addressing environmental issues, subsequent stages will delve deeper into the artists' stories, showcasing the techniques and philosophies that inspire them to repurpose waste into extraordinary works of art.

Conclusion:

“CONNECTING US 2 TRASH” is more than just an exhibition; it embodies a movement advocating for awareness and action against the impact of consumerism on our planet. It also serves as the inaugural event for The Recycle Challenge Parade & Festival in 2025, as we embark on this collective journey towards a cleaner, more sustainable future.

We invite you to join us in this vital conversation and action towards fostering creativity and responsibility in our communities.

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Join us as we transform trash into opportunity!

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