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PRESS RELEASE

"NEW ROXBURY ARTS FESTIVAL ISSUES A CALL FOR ARTISTS"

Nuestra Comunidad Community Development Corporation in Roxbury announces its inaugural arts festival "Be the Artist at Bartlett" on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 11 am to 6 pm at the site of its future arts and nature park "Oasis@Bartlett" a centerpiece of the Bartlett Station project at 2565 Washington Street in Roxbury. The free event will also feature food and beverages from local vendors.

In addition to a day filled with professional performances of music, dance and spoken word on the festival stage and interactive activities throughout the day with the performers and attendees, the festival will feature "Roxbury's Got Talent" an opportunity for local singers, dancers, musicians and poets to perform on the stage and compete for cash prizes and future paid performances at Oasis@Bartlett. Contestants must either reside in Roxbury or have a connection to the community.

Sculptors who reside in Roxbury or who have a connection to the community are invited to enter the Temporary Installation Competition entitled "An Urban Oasis for the Body and Spirit." The installation will be featured at the outdoor site throughout the fall and may then find an indoor home in Roxbury. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of both competitions.

Visual artists are also invited to apply for a table to display and sell works of art. Applications and additional information for the talent, installation, and art sale will be available at www.Oasis@Bartlett.com, beginning July 1, 2019.

An information session for all artists will be held at the Community Room on the second floor at 2565 Washington Street Roxbury, MA 02119 on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm. To register for this one-hour meeting, please request a reservation by emailing ccstpg@verizon.net with your name, phone and email contact, as well as a description of your talent. If you are part of a group, please send only one representative, as space is limited. All reservation requests will be acknowledged via email or phone.

Auditions for the "Roxbury's Got Talent" competition will be held on July 23rd from 6 to 8 pm at The Community Music Center of Boston, 34 Warren Avenue, in the South End. Registration forms for auditions will be available at the Information Session and online at www.Oasis@Bartlett.com on July 11, 2019. Both competitions will be evaluated by panels of judges and audience response.

Another feature of the festival is an interactive mural which will be coordinated by muralist, Franklin Marval. Festival attendees will be able to add their own artistic skills to the 15' by 9' mural.

When construction is complete, Oasis@Bartlett will feature 15,000 square feet of green space, including an urban grove of Bartlett Pear and Russet Apples, a beautiful professional stage for a wide variety of arts activities, a movie screen, temporary and permanent visual art displays and installations, an art gallery, and four-season activities for the community to enjoy.

The festival schedule will be available in mid July. For further information contact Andrea Kaiser, Festival Coordinator at ccstpg@verizon.net.

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