



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CALL TO LOCAL PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTISTS**

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ROXBURY - Performing artists of all ages and sculptors 16 and older are invited to participate in the "Be the Artist at Bartlett" Festival on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the new Bartlett Station development at 2565 Washington Street in Roxbury. Cash prizes are being offered to finalists and winners. Finalists in the performing artists category will take the main stage at the festival at the "Roxbury's Got Talent" hour in the afternoon and finalists in the "Temporary Installation Competition" will bring their designs to life at the Festival between 11 am and 5:00 pm, when the winners will be announced. Both performing artists and sculptors must be residents of Roxbury or have roots in or ties to the Roxbury community.

Auditions for performing artists are being held in the Community Room at 2565 Washington Street, Roxbury on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from 6 to 8 pm. Performers should prepare a 3-5 minute audition and should bring taped music, if accompaniment is required. Singers, dancers, poets, actors, and circus performers are welcome. Children under 18 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All interested performers should complete the application form found on the Oasis@Bartlett website or contact Andrea Kaiser, festival coordinator, for assistance at [ccstpg@verizon.net](mailto:ccstpg@verizon.net). Applications for auditions are due on or before September 5, 2019 and can be emailed or dropped off at Nuestra Comunidad, Suite 200, 56 Warren Street, Roxbury.

Sculptors are invited to submit drawings of their design, along with a detailed description of the work. These temporary installations will be exhibited for the months of September, October and November. The artists are required to use found and collected materials for the installation which cannot be larger than 5 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet high. Three finalists will be selected who will compete for prizes of \$500, \$1000 or \$1500. All finalists will receive an additional \$100 for materials and supplies. Submissions can be left at Nuestra Comunidad (Suite 200, 56 Warren Street, Roxbury) or emailed to [ccstpg@verizon.net](mailto:ccstpg@verizon.net) no later than September 13, 2019. Panels of judges, along with audience response will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of each category.

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"Be the Artist at Bartlett" is the first annual arts festival on the site of the soon to be developed Oasis@Bartlett arts and nature park, currently under development by Nuestra Comunidad CDC of Roxbury and Windale Developers. The festival is free to the public from 11 AM until 6 AM and includes a roster of professional musicians, dancers, and spoken word artists. Interactive workshops with the artists will run throughout the festival. Franklin Marval, muralist, will be working with attendees to create a community mural, and visual artists of all types will be displaying work for sale. Food, beverages and treats from local vendors will be available for sale throughout the day.

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