Community Identity Program

CITYarts Mosaic Rolling Bench at General Grant National Memorial: Restoration
A CITYarts mural project in Morningside Heights, New York

What:
CITYarts is planning to restore its 400 ft. Mosaic Rolling Bench at General Grant National Memorial in New York City. The Bench adds a whimsical and playful space to an otherwise somber environment. This project has engaged thousands of community volunteers since its creation. We will continue this community involvement with a new generation of community families, schools, and volunteers, laying the groundwork for generations to come. A brochure about the CITYarts Rolling Bench will be created for the visiting public.

Where:
General Grant National Memorial
W 122nd and Riverside Park
NY, NY 10027

Who:
Collaborators:
- Daniel Prebutt, Curator of National Parks in NYC
- Shirley Mckinney, Superintendent of Grant’s Tomb
- Mark Levine, District 7 Councilman
- Victoria Benitez, Robert & Amy Pollack, and others, Columbia University
- Every Voice Choirs
- Promise Academy II (through Harlem Children’s Zone)
- Sponsors will be announced

Why:
CITYarts strives to:
- To revitalize a staple of the landmark created by the community, for the community
- Engage neighborhood youth and residents to become actively involved in transforming their community.
- Revitalize the neighborhood space to make it more welcoming and enjoyable for the people who live and visit there.
- Bring together youth and families to collaborate on a project that will improve a significant communal space and their quality of life.
- Empower youth to take leadership roles in acting as a positive force in their community while learning practical skills.

When:
- Summer-Fall 2020

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