Community Identity Program
CITYarts Mosaic Rolling Bench at General Grant National Memorial: Restoration
A CITYarts mural project in Morningside Heights, Manhattan

What:
CITYarts is planning to restore its 400 ft. long Mosaic Rolling Bench at General Grant National Memorial in New York City with corporate and community volunteers led by professional NY artist Andres Hoyos. The Bench adds a whimsical and uplifting space to a traditionally somber environment. This project has engaged thousands of community volunteers since its creation in the 1970s. CITYarts will continue this engagement and lay groundwork for generations to come with this restoration, which follows a cleanup of the project that was completed in August 2021. CITYarts will also invite NYPD officers from nearby precincts to the project to foster friendships with volunteers and to develop a deeper and more meaningful understanding of one another.

Where:
General Grant National Memorial
West 122nd and Riverside Park
New York, New York 10027

Who:
- National Park Service: Daniel Prebutt (Curator), Ramon Mangual (Lead Ranger), Jonathan Belson (Business Manager), Shirley McKinney (Superintendent)
- 10 to 15 volunteers from Degree
- Artist: Andres Hoyos
- CITYarts staff, volunteers, and interns

When:
Production Timeline: January, 2022 to June, 2022
Scheduled Workshops: Work Day TBD

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