



Community Identity Program

CITYarts Mosaic Rolling Bench at General Grant National Memorial: Restoration

A CITYarts mural project 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. The *Bench* adds a whimsical and uplifting 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. This restoration will continue the cleanup that was completed in August 2021 and will be led by CITYarts professional artist Andrés Hoyos. CITYarts and NYPD collaboration will invite police officers to the school for students to get to know them in a safe environment.



Where:

General Grant National Memorial
W 122nd and Riverside Park
New York, NY 10027



Who:

- National Park Service: Daniel Prebutt (Curator, Grant's Tomb), Ramon Mangual (Lead Ranger), Jonathan Belson (Business Manager), Shirley McKinney (Superintendent)
- CITYarts Artist: Andrés Hoyos, staff, and volunteers

Why:

- To revitalize a staple of the landmark created by the community, for the community, and make it more welcoming and enjoyable for the people who live and visit there
- Engage neighborhood youth and residents to become actively involved in transforming their community
- Empower youth to take leadership roles in acting as a positive force in their community while learning practical skills
- Build better relationships between youth and the NYPD



When:

Spring-Summer 2023