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CITIES AND TOWNS COMING TOGETHER TO PREMIERE PUBLIC ART EXPRESSIONS RESPONDING TO THE PROMPT "NO PLACE LIKE HOME."

ARTS FOR EVERY BODY

ONE NATION/ONE PROJECT



## CHICAGO, IL

[chicago.gov/artshealthpilot](http://chicago.gov/artshealthpilot) ✨ [@chicagodcase](https://twitter.com/chicagodcase)

Mark your calendars for July 27, 2024, as Healing Arts Chicago hosts a city-wide creative summit and celebration featuring artists, community and health organizations and other stakeholders in a day of making, learning, and discussion. This event will take place at Malcolm X College Conference Center from 10am-5pm and invite the audience to “choose their own adventure” through the space: visit the Secret Garden on the rooftop for dance therapy or experience sound, movement, or poetry workshops on the ground floor. The day will feature life-size pinatas, interactive puppets, chair yoga, mural art making, screen printing, panel discussions, healthy food vendors representing the City of Chicago, and more. Workshops will be led by artists-in-residence at the City’s mental health clinics, who have also earned their community health worker certification at Malcolm X – demonstrating ways creative workers can be powerful members of the wellness workforce while infusing health and wellness into their art.

[imacentral.org](http://imacentral.org) ✨ [@imacentral](https://twitter.com/imacentral)

## IMAN CHICAGO

On July 27, 2024, IMAN will demonstrate ‘the world as it could be’ by way of a mini festival that centers reclamation, reimagining, and redemption in the newly developed Go Green Griot Plaza, located at 63rd & Racine in Englewood, a previously abandoned lot in the historically disinvested neighborhood. This outdoor celebration will feature a celebration of the new wall and ground murals, live music, poetry, storytelling, dance, fresh foods, cooking demonstrations, movement classes, a ceramics demonstration, a community drum circle, screen printing, activities for children, and visual art activations and takes place from 4 - 8 pm. Headliners include Grammy-nominated singer and songwriter John Forté featuring Binta, poet, writer and lyricist Aja monet and Grammy-nominated hip-hop artist Vic Mensa.

## EDINBURG, TX

✨ [edinburgarts.com](http://edinburgarts.com)

Join us on July 27, 2024, as the City of Edinburg’s downtown comes alive with its art & wellness extravaganza, FridaFest! The night will start with the premiere of an original musical, ¡Despierta!, about the region starring 75 community members. After the musical premiere, the FridaFest outdoor grounds will include inspiring public art commissions; the dynamic offerings of demonstrating artists, health & wellness partners, and local performers; and an exciting closing headliner. Set against the backdrop of the city’s new Arts, Culture, and Events Center (A.C.E.), FridaFest Art Festival honors women's empowerment and the legacy of Frida Kahlo while embracing themes of healing, belonging, and the rich tapestry of Edinburg's cultural scene. The showcase events will take place from 5:30-11pm.

✨ [@onopgnv](https://twitter.com/onopgnv)

## GAINESVILLE, FL

Join the City of Gainesville and One Nation One Project GNV for its two-part Summer (You)th Celebration. Produced by Broadway creator & director, and Gainesville native Marion J. Caffey, this celebration is the city’s collective response to increased youth gun violence as part of a multiyear process to harness the power of arts and culture to promote community healing. Begin your afternoon connecting with Gainesville artists, including curator and artist Yvonne Ferguson and filmmakers Shareen Baptiste, MyQueal Lewis, and Gabrielle Byam, at the historic Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center. Then, grab a chair and settle in for an evening at Depot Park as the community gathers for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for "HeART Wall: A Love Letter to Gainesville from Gainesville," with special appearances by acclaimed television, film, and Broadway star Wendell Pierce, the Voice alum and season 21 American Idol contestant Wé Ani, and more!

## HARLAN COUNTY, KY

 [highergroundinharlan.com](http://highergroundinharlan.com)  
[@highergroundinharlan](https://www.instagram.com/highergroundinharlan)

Mark your calendars to attend MAMAW Fest: Mountains of Appalachia Music Arts and Wellness Festival, taking place all day on July 27th on the streets of downtown Harlan, Kentucky. A celebration of community care, the day features headlining duo, The Local Honeys, as well as local artists, vendors, musicians, and healthcare providers, culminating in an evening performance of Angels Unaware, the 10th theater production of Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College's arts collective Higher Ground— written, performed, and created by local community members. MAMAW Fest is open to all from 9:00am - 5:00pm, on July 27th, and Angels Unaware runs from July 19-25, 2024, at the Harlan Center.

[vibranthawaii.org](http://vibranthawaii.org)  [@vibranthawaii](https://www.instagram.com/vibranthawaii)

## HAWAI'I ISLAND, HI

Join us for our island-wide block party! On July 27th, Vibrant Hawai'i art fellows are exhibiting the culmination of their year-long work in 11 artistic showcases held across Hawai'i Island. These 11 artist fellows will present visual arts, natural fiber weavings, devised theater, music performances and workshops in kapa, community-created quilting, writing, and more. Showcase locations include Waimea, Kapa'au, Kailua-Kona, Holualoa, Kealahou (Kainaliu-town), Ka'awaloa, Hilo, Pāhoa, Mountain View, and Volcano. Events begin at 7 am and take place throughout the day until 10 pm.

## HONOLULU, HI

[puuhonua-society.org](http://puuhonua-society.org)  [@puuhonuasociety](https://www.instagram.com/puuhonuasociety)

O'ahu welcomes all to Thomas Square in Honolulu, the site of the restoration of Hawai'i's sovereignty in 1843, as part of an outdoor celebration surrounding Lā Ho'ihō'i Ea or Sovereignty Restoration Day. This day will celebrate community-created works rooted in place and created in real time. Hands-on activities with organic mediums, including lauhala (pandanus), 'ohe (bamboo), and niu (coconut), will be shared, as well as exhibitions of photography and multimedia works. Also included will be breaking workshops, performances, and the telling of mo'olelo (stories). This outdoor celebration and hands-on event takes place on July 27th from 10am to 3pm.

[artasmentorship.org](http://artasmentorship.org)  [@artasmentorship](https://www.instagram.com/artasmentorship)

## KANSAS CITY, MO

Art as Mentorship, founded by the band Making Movies, will host Celebrate AMERI'KANA, a music and arts festival bringing together national, local, and youth performers in a celebration of the diverse origins and colors of American music. The festival features Rubén Albarrán of the Mexican rock band Café Tacvba, Justus West, youth performers from Rebel Song Academy, and more from the vibrant Kansas City arts community.. This festival will take place on July 27th at The Concourse Park from 1 pm to 8pm and also features Mercado, an international open-air market showcasing local artists, creators, growers, and small businesses, local food trucks, and a bouncy house for kids.

## OAKLAND, CA

[edutainmentforequity.com](http://edutainmentforequity.com)  [edutainment4equity\\_llc](https://www.instagram.com/edutainment4equity_llc)

Join us on July 27th as Edutainment for Equity hosts “No Place Like the Town”, an intimate ceremony at the center of our city to collectively grieve, to imagine a future, to acknowledge both our pain and our power. This event will take place at Frank Ogawa Plaza by Oakland City Hall and is part public dialogue and part interactive art exhibition, featuring musicians, visual artists, activists, healers and appreciators of art coming together to make art, to demand more from our city, to collectively affirm what we want and deserve for ourselves and our city. This ceremony will be held outdoors on the plaza from 12 - 4 pm.

[elainemuseum.org](http://elainemuseum.org) ✨ [@elainemuseum](https://www.instagram.com/elainemuseum)

## PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

Phillips County artists and organizers are bringing the community together to celebrate home while amplifying the push by locals for clean water. On July 27th, from 11am-5pm. During the day, Phillips County residents are invited to visit Court Square Park for the "There's No Place Like Home" Festival to celebrate the new community splash pad, enjoy local food, and live performances from 11am-5pm. In the evening, a live catfish fry and live gospel choir concert, Living Waters, will be held across the levee at the Riverwalk at Helena River Park at 5pm. Throughout the weekend, artist collective, Hollerin Space, will be presenting HOLD ON: Blue Hole Homecoming, leading a traveling, tailgating caravan along rivers and waterways of Phillips County. July 26-28. Audiences and media can tune in via radio from 5-8am on July 26-28th.

## PROVIDENCE, RI

✨ [@providenceact](https://www.instagram.com/providenceact)

Join local Providence artists Vatic Kuumba and Carolina Briones on July 27th as they present their site-specific artistic projects co-created with Providence Housing Authority residents in a daylong celebration of community connection and healing through the arts. Events at Carroll Towers will include a tile mural unveiling, music DJs, domino competition, face painting, art demonstrations, food, and more, all celebrating "no place like home." Events at Chad Brown will include a community procession throughout the Chad Brown grounds to experience multi-media performances and a stop-motion animation film created in partnership with residents and commemorating their past, present, and future journeys.

[artstartrhinelanders.org](http://artstartrhinelanders.org) ✨ [@artstartrhinelanders](https://www.instagram.com/artstartrhinelanders)

## RHINELANDER, WI

ArtStart Rhinelanders, the City of Rhinelanders, and local youth and community health organizations have partnered on "Push Against Loneliness," a day celebrating community and belonging in Rhinelanders. This event kicks off with a Skate Jam celebrating the proposed location for Rhinelanders' new skate park. Attendees can walk from the Hodag Park Bandshell to the Beach House as part of the day's "March Against Social Isolation." ArtStart's Community and Cultural Development Director, Melinda Childs, and artists Witt Siasoco and Norma Dycus Pennycuff will share about the sculptural project and artistic process, culminating in an official sculpture dedication. Throughout the day, various art activities and tree planting will take place. The evening will conclude with a community meal with entertainment by local performing artists. The event will take place from 3:30pm - 8:30pm. All are welcome.

## SEATTLE, WA

[wingluke.org](http://wingluke.org) ✨ [@winglukemuseum](https://www.instagram.com/winglukemuseum)

On July 26, 2024, Wing Luke Museum will host JamFest, a free and all-ages outdoor event from 5-8pm in the historic Canton and Maynard Alleys and along Seventh Avenue that highlights the rich historic, cultural, and artistic vibrancy of Seattle's Chinatown-International District through carnival games, martial arts demonstrations, dance, mixed media installations, mahjong games, a performance by renowned cabaret artist The Shanghai Pearl, and more. The event proudly celebrates the community's Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander migrant roots and culture.

On July 27, 2024, Urban Health Plan will bring back “Fiesta San Juan,” a time-honored, day-long community celebration that this year will highlight the deep connection between the arts and health! “Fiesta San Juan presents Arts for EveryBody ” will kick off with a marching band-led parade, delighting community residents and inviting them to join the fun! Plan to spend the day, as the party continues at El Nuevo San Juan Health Center, where music, including hip-hop and rap, and dance performances by merengue, salsa, swing and Bengali dancers will entertain throughout the day. Plus, enjoy cooking demonstrations, visual arts exhibitions, conversations on social prescribing, and community art classes led by local artists and UHP Arts for EveryBody's partners both indoors and outdoors! Fiesta events will take place from 11 am - 4 pm.

TUCSON, AZ

[borderlandstheater.org](http://borderlandstheater.org)  @borderlandstheater

Mark your calendars for Borderlands Theater’s “Art is Vital: An Art and Wellness Fiesta” on July 27th. The event will kick off with a concert reading of “Anita,” a new musical about the power of joy to create a sense of home and belonging. The experience will then spill out into the courtyard of Tucson’s Berger Performing Arts Center with live music by local award-winning mariachi bands, heritage food booths, art exhibits, and interactive activities promoting the connection between arts participation and personal and collective wellbeing. Tucson Mayor Regina Romero will announce the winners of the “Art is Vital” art contest and speak on the critical role of arts and culture to the future of Tucson. The event runs on Saturday, July 27th, from 6 to 10 pm. [Click here](#) to reserve your tickets for Anita. Fiesta is free.

[sippculture.org](http://sippculture.org)  @sippculture

UTICA, MS

On July 27th, join Homegrown Utica Fest on Main Street to celebrate and showcase local food culture, the arts, health and wellness. From 9 - 6 pm, attendees can add their handprints to a new community mural at the library, take advantage of exciting photo ops, play cornhole with their family and connect with Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Clinic. Families will also be able to enjoy food from local vendors, hear live music, and create their own art.

WASHINGTON, DC

 [wblinc.org](http://wblinc.org)

Join a family-friendly celebration of culture and wellness on the National Mall. Led by Words, Beats and Life, DMV Made will bring together creatives from throughout the region to celebrate home. This outdoor festival centers on hip-hop theater, performance poetry, and live music, including jazz, go-go, punk, hip-hop and renowned music ensembles The Blackbyrds and Sweet Honey in the Rock as the headliners. It will include live mural painting, large scale crochet workshops; educational workshops, puppeteering, face painting and bubble making for children, and a celebration of food from the many cultures that comprise Washington, D.C. DMV Made is an opportunity to showcase the human and material treasures of the region on a national stage while also coordinating across health systems to promote storytelling, art access, and the impact of arts on social isolation and cohesion. The festival takes place on July 27th from 12 - 8 pm.

Join arts and health leaders in Winston-Salem, NC, as they present “Creative Wellness Community Day,” an arts and health fair hosted by United Health Centers. The day will open with traditional West African dance and djembe drumming and feature interactive creative spaces for youth and families, an ice cream truck, and live performances highlighting local artists in disciplines such as spoken word, singing, storytelling and more. Free health screenings will be provided in addition to various health resource vendors, all in celebration of Winston-Salem's commitment to healing through the arts. Events run on Saturday, July 27th, from 10am-3pm.