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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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# **THE KIMMEL CENTER & MURAL ARTS PHILADELPHIA ANNOUNCE NEW “ART OF THE PROTEST” SERIES**

## **Series to Feature Panel Discussion and Sign-Making Workshops**

**WHAT:** The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts and Mural Arts Philadelphia will co-produce a series of programs surrounding “The Art of the Protest.” The series – which will include a panel discussion and three free sign-making workshops – will explore how artists and members of the public express themselves in times of political change, and will encourage the local community to make powerful and creative visual statements that ignite social change through support of local, national, and global causes.

### **The Art of the Protest Panel Discussion**

*Co-Produced with Mural Arts Philadelphia, in partnership with Streets Department and Young Involved Philadelphia*

Join us for a panel and discussion on March 21 featuring artists and advocates who have been active participants in the current political climate. Artists **Olek**, **Michelle Angela Ortiz**, and **Liza Goodell** from Spiral Q will share their thoughts and experiences on how art plays a role in protest. Panel will be moderated by Drexel professor **Julie Hawkins** and the event will be co-hosted by **Conrad Benner** of Streets Department and Young Involved Philadelphia. (*Cash bar on site. Seating is limited, tickets are required.*)

### **The Art of the Protest Sign-Making Workshops**

*Co-Produced with Mural Arts Philadelphia and Signs of Solidarity*

The public is invited to a series of FREE sign-making workshops, co-hosted with Signs of Solidarity, a collaborative effort led by Philadelphia creatives Conrad Benner, Eric Preisendanz, and Aubrie Costello, which commissions and displays messages of love and inclusivity on large banners throughout the city. This workshop encourages all attendees to leave armed with their own signs and messages of support. Materials and creative instruction will be provided.

**WHEN &**

**WHERE:** *The Art of the Protest Panel Discussion*

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Hamilton Garden in the Kimmel Center (300 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA)

Tickets: \$15.00 / General Admission

***The Art of the Protest Sign-Making Workshops***

SEI Innovation Studio in the Kimmel Center (300 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA)

FREE

**Friday, March 24, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Featuring Signs of Solidarity artists Sheldon Abba + Bruno Guerreiro

**Saturday, April 8, 2017, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Featuring Signs of Solidarity artist Martha Rich

**Monday, May 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Featuring Signs of Solidarity artist Alloyius McIlwaine

**Mural Arts Philadelphia** is the nation's largest public art program, dedicated to the belief that art ignites change. For over 30 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative and equitable process, creating nearly 4,000 artworks that have transformed public spaces and individual lives. Mural Arts aims to empower people, stimulate dialogue, and build bridges to understanding with projects that attract artists from Philadelphia and around the world, and with programs that focus on youth education, restorative justice, mental health and wellness, and public art and its preservation. Popular mural tours offer a firsthand glimpse into the inspiring stories behind Mural Arts' iconic and unparalleled collection, which has earned Philadelphia worldwide recognition as the "City of Murals." For more information, call 215-685-0750 or visit [muralarts.org](http://muralarts.org). Follow along on social media: @muralarts on Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat, MuralArtsPhiladelphia on Facebook, and phillymuralarts on YouTube.

**ABOUT THE KIMMEL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2016-2017 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org).

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