

MEDIA ADVISORY

THREE MAJOR NYC ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO DEDICATE COMMUNITY MURAL IN HARLEM PAINTED BY TEENS



WHEN

Thursday, Sept. 3, at 11 AM. Rain or shine.

WHAT

Dedication ceremony celebrating new mural in Harlem inspired by the work of legendary Black Panther artist Emory Douglas. The mural “What We Want, What We Believe” was painted by 15 teens with muralists Clare Herron and Chris Beck.

LOCATION

VIM Store, 2253 Third Avenue (122nd St & Third Avenue), NYC

ORGANIZERS

Groundswell Community Mural Project, New Museum on the Bowery, and The Studio Museum in Harlem

ABOUT

The mural project is in conjunction with the major retrospective “Emory Douglas: Black Panther” featuring prints and posters from the Party’s newspaper, and is currently on view at the New Museum (235 Bowery at Prince Street) through October 18, 2009. Visit newmuseum.org.

Emory Douglas was the Revolutionary Artist of the Black Panther Party and oversaw the design for the party’s newspaper the “Black Panther.” Douglas created a vocabulary of images that exemplify how art can encourage political consciousness and function within an activist context. In preparation for the mural project, teen muralists learned about the history of the Black Power Movement; interviewed locals to discuss community issues; and used researched issues to “remix” images from Douglas’s work to reflect the neighborhood’s concerns. The resulting mural “What We Want, What We Believe” will be a reflection of past, present, and future.

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