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KC STREETCAR KICKS OFF ANOTHER SUMMER OF ART

Meet the 2021 Art in the Loop Artists at Wednesday's Kick-off Event

(Kansas City, Missouri) – The KC Streetcar Authority, along with the <u>Art in the Loop Foundation</u>, is pleased to announce the 2021 Art in the Loop artists and art installations.

The public is invited to attend the kick-off event for the 2021 Art in the Loop Project: *Resilient*, on Wednesday, July 7 at 6 p.m. in the <u>lightwell</u> event space, located at 1100 Main Street on the KC Streetcar line. This will be an evening of art, music, and dance as we introduce the 2021 visual artists and 2021 performance series selections. Enjoy the jazz stylings of <u>Everyday Strangers</u> and a dance performance by **Reina Gray**. The event is free and open to the public; click here to <u>RSVP</u>.

This year marks the eighth year for the Art in the Loop Project, the sixth with the KC Streetcar, and includes artwork based on photography, painting, digitized illustrations and paintings, and more. The Art in the Loop Project is a curated outdoor exhibition of temporary artworks presented in partnership with the KC Streetcar Authority. Artists responded to the 2021 theme of "Resilient" and addressed questions about what an inclusive, equitable, accessible, and vibrant Downtown Kansas City looks like and what is needed for our city to remain resilient.

The following artists' works will be displayed at streetcar stops and on one streetcar vehicle from July through October.

- Allison Bowman, Sacred Spaces, KC Streetcar Library Stop, Northbound
- Robert Castillo, Resilient Encoded, KC Streetcar Library Stop, Southbound
- William Dubois, Beyond the Looking Glass, KC Streetcar Crossroads Stop, Southbound
- Hector E. Garcia, Jazz: The Resilient Spirit of Kansas City, KC Streetcar Vehicle #804
- Smitha George, We Under One Sun, One Moon, and on One Earth, KC Streetcar, River Market West Stop
- Angie Jennings, Love Who You Love, KC Streetcar Power & Light District Stop, Southbound
- Megan Leong, Beauty in Small Things, KC Streetcar North Loop Stop, Southbound
- Brittany Noriega, Silver Lining, KC Streetcar Metro Center Stop, Northbound
- Shelly Pinto, Patchwork, KC Streetcar Kauffman Center Stop, Southbound
- Katrina Revenaugh, Love & Bee Loved, KC Streetcar Crossroads Stop, Northbound
- Sheron Smith, Together We Rise, ARTwall, 13th & Grand



Visit www.ArtintheLoop.com to learn more about the artists and their artworks.

Artists are selected for the annual program through an online application process open to artists in the Kansas City metropolitan area. A selection panel consisting of local artists, curators, educators, and community members reviewed over 40 applications and selected 11 artist teams.

The 2021 Art in the Loop Project is guided by Kyle Mullins, who is serving in his first year as art director for the organization. Mullins is a dance artist living and creating in Kansas City, MO. He is the artistic director of his company Cerca Trova, where he creates works of dance theater, and producer of Making Moves, a monthly dance performance series he founded in 2019. He also works as a Peer Facilitator for Artist INC, and is a former Charlotte Street Foundation Studio Resident. Mullins danced in NYC for ten years before relocating home to Kansas City. He holds an MFA in Dance from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

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For Art in the Loop inquiries, please contact Art in the Loop Art Director, Kyle Mullins, kylemullins@gmail.com, or Program Director, Ann Holliday, ann@downtownkc.org. For more information about Art in the Loop, visit www.artintheloop.com, www.facebook.com/artintheloop, or twitter.com/Artintheloop.

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