



Imagine Freedom: Art Works for Abolition

Critical Resistance Fall Art Auction SPONSORSHIP PACKET

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2020 is a critical year for movements for liberation, health and self-determination and we are inspired by the fierce fights for freedom led by grassroots organizations. In this creative and unstoppable spirit, Critical Resistance (CR) invites you to join us for ***Imagine Freedom: Art Works for Abolition***, an online art exhibition, benefit auction, and programming series. The auction will be live on Artsy.net from September 29th - October 13th and we hope you can join us for the accompanying programming!

CR understands how essential dreaming wildly, creativity, cultural organizing, and art are to any movement for liberation. In order to uplift the powerful imagery coming out of the current landscape, as well as sustain our organizational work well into the future, CR is joining forces with artists such as Emory Douglas, Leslie Lopez, Kate Deciccio, Lava Thomas, Rodney Ewing, Sadie Barnett, Dana King, Ainsley Burrows, Shaun Leonardo, and Ferrari Sheppard. Our Host Committee of esteemed artists, performers, movement leaders, and more, is assisting in boosting the urgency of this moment and the vibrancy of abolitionist organizing this year.

Will you join us as an Event Sponsor?

We invite you to join Critical Resistance, our movement partners and community to reflect on the gains that have been made for abolition, and how art has contributed to the fight against the prison industrial complex (PIC); to feed our minds and our spirits in good virtual company, and to ignite ourselves for the next phases of organizing for abolition in Oakland, Los Angeles, Portland, New York, and beyond. Read on...

Featured Artists

Adia Millett	Ainsley Burrows	Ali LeRoi	Alyse Emdur
Andrew Wilson	Angela Hennessy	Ariane Vielmetter	Ashley Hunt
Ashley Lukashevsky	Awol Erizku	Bob Williams	Brett Cook
Cara Levine	Carmen Agote	Chanell Stone	Chris Johnson
Christine Wang	Courtney Desiree Morris		Dana King
David Cruz	Demetri Broxton	Dominic Villeda	Ed Ntiri
Emanuel Tegene	Emory Douglas	Erica Deeman	Favianna Rodriguez
Ferrari Sheppard	Gavin Benjamin	Githinji Mbire	Gloria Galvez
Hank Willis Thomas	Hermon Futrell	Jesus Barraza	Jimena Sarno
Josh "Bicaso" Whitaker		Joshua Mays	Kate DeCiccio
Kenturah Davis	Kwame Brathwaite	Lava Thomas	Leslie Lopez
Lewis Watts	Lukaza Branfman-Verissimo		Mario Ayala
Melanie Cervantes	Melinda James	Meryl Pataky	Micha Cardenas
Mieke Marple	Rafa Esparza	Ricky Weaver	Rodney Ewing
Sadie Barnett	Sam Vernon	Shanna Strauss	Shaun Leonardo
Shawn Theodore	Sydney Cain	Theaster Gates	Traci Bartlow
Umar Rashid	Wangari Mathenge	Zahyr Lauren	

Sponsoring this event:

- helps to advance strategic grassroots organizing and cultural work against jail expansion and the violence of policing in the Bay Area, in Los Angeles, CA; Portland, OR, and New York, NY, and nationally;
- amplifies and supports urgent messaging and politics during a year when dreaming wildly and fighting to win is essential;
- demonstrates community support for creative movement building and rigorous, Left analysis in these trying, yet hopeful times.

To make this inspiring set of events visible and accessible to as many people in the PIC abolitionist movement and beyond, we are asking for your support. All proceeds will benefit [Critical Resistance](#) to ensure that our work is funded now and into a future free from cages, the violence of policing, the dangers of borders and social control. Every sponsorship will amplify the vision of healthy, liberated communities and the fierce, joyful will of our people to fight and win.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$5,000 - ABOLITIONIST FUTURE

- Recognition as an underwriter for ***Imagine Freedom: Art Works for Abolition;***
- Acknowledgement of name and logo in event communications and the event programs;
- Art exhibition catalogue preview;
- Event registration for the opening, closing, and any lead-up RSVP events- unlimited seats that you distribute.

\$2,500 – LONG TERM STRUGGLE

- Recognition as Long Term Struggle sponsor for ***Imagine Freedom: Art Works for Abolition;***
- Acknowledgement of name and logo in event communications and the event programs;
- Art exhibition catalogue preview;
- Event registration for the opening, closing, and any lead-up RSVP events- unlimited seats that you distribute.

\$1,000 - THE PRESENT FIGHT

- Recognition as The Present Fight sponsor for ***Imagine Freedom: Art Works for Abolition;***
- Acknowledgement of name and logo in event communications and the event programs;
- Art exhibition catalogue preview;
- Event registration for the opening, closing, and any lead-up RSVP events- unlimited seats that you distribute.

\$500 - HISTORY OF RESISTANCE

- Recognition as History of Resistance sponsor for ***Imagine Freedom: Art Works for Abolition;***
- Acknowledgement of name and logo in event communications and the event programs;
- Art exhibition catalogue preview;
- Event registration for the opening, closing, and any lead-up RSVP events- unlimited seats that you distribute.

\$50- \$499 or spread the word 3x* – MOVEMENT PARTNER

- Recognition as Movement Partner sponsor for ***Imagine Freedom: Art Works for Abolition***;
- Acknowledgement of name and logo in event communications and the event programs;
- Art exhibition catalogue preview;
- Event registration for the opening, closing, and any lead-up RSVP events- unlimited seats that you distribute.
- **If a financial contribution is not possible, you can still be a Movement Partner Sponsor by publicizing the event 3x through your networks and membership via email, newsletter or website posting, and/or social media posting.*

Are you ready to support grassroots organizing for liberation? *Please reply to this email with your commitment level. Please list:*

Sponsorship amount:

Name of organization:

How would you like to be listed (if different)?:

Contact person name:

Contact email:

Then, to contribute financially, please go to <https://bit.ly/ImagineFreedom2020> to sign up for your sponsorship and make the donation. Questions: Please contact Jess@criticalresistance.org or call 201-310-2345 to speak to an event organizer.

More About Critical Resistance's Impact:

Through advancing a critical understanding of the prison industrial complex (PIC) and PIC abolition, CR has continued to inspire individuals, organizations, and communities to take creative and practical steps to build a liberated future. With our movement partners and coalitions, we have achieved many victories in our chapter cities and nationally over the years.

Most recently, in 2020, CR Portland achieved the dismantling of the gang enforcement, transit, and school police units of the Portland Police Bureau with the Care Not Cops campaign and coalition, and CR Oakland secured the closure of a toxic jail in San Francisco

with the No New San Francisco Jail Coalition. Over the past 20 years, we have also successfully stopped the construction of new jails in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York City; halted California's prison building boom with the Stop Delano II campaign, abolished the world's largest SWAT training program known as Urban Shield, organized with the successful prisoner-led struggle to end long-term solitary confinement in California, and eliminated racist gang injunctions in Oakland, to name a few highlights of our organizing with movement partners.

Our campaigns and strategies have been shared and used as blueprints across the US, invigorating the mainstream criminal justice reform movement with abolition and arming organizers with practical and visionary concepts, strategies, and language. Our educational materials and workshops have been used by thousands of organizers locally, regionally, and internationally, influencing educators, faith groups and leaders, health workers and public health advocates, labor organizers, legal organizations, and internationalist community groups to fight against the harms of imprisonment and policing.

The core of Critical Resistance's work is to push—through grassroots mobilizations, popular education, campaigns, and coalition efforts—a reinvigorated abolitionist common sense in which the key to health and safety is not policing, imprisonment, or state violence, but healing, stability, and liberation. Visit us here: www.criticalresistance.org