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## JOIN THE CLIMATE JUSTICE PREMIERE OF "CHANGE FOR CLIMATE IS HERE," A MURAL PROJECTION BROUGHT TO LIVE!

PHILADELPHIA — October 20, 2021 — As part of **Mural Arts Month**, a month-long celebration of all the ways Mural Arts Philadelphia uses art to transform public spaces and individual lives, Mural Arts' **Environmental Justice** department will be premiering "Change for Climate is Here," a mural projection brought to life, at the **Cherry St. Pier** (121 N Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106) on **October 27, 6 pm - 8:30 pm**. The **FREE** event, sponsored by **Next City**, will offer attendees the opportunity to meet and hear from the **Climate Justice Initiative (CJI) collaborators**, frontline activists, artists, and organizers in action around the environmental / climate crisis in the Lenapehoking/Philadelphia region. Showtimes start at sunset: **6:30** / **7:15** / **8:00 pm**.

## Tickets are available on **Eventbrite**.

Environmental hazards affect marginalized communities, especially communities of color, the most. For this reason, Mural Arts' Environmental Justice department projects are rooted in

front-line communities, centering their knowledge, expertise, and vision. The mural is the result of many months of research, collaboration, conversation, and spirited debate among activists, organizers, and artists. The process of creation is just as important as the mural itself. The CJI Collaborators aspire to model the principles of a more just future in every aspect of our work, including the design and feedback process.



"[Covanta] is the largest incinerator in the country, and it burns 33% of Philadelphia's trash," said Zulene Mayfield, Air Circle Covener. "We have been in a battle for 25+ years to shut this incinerator down so that our children can have a level of survivability."

The event will be hosted by Oro 5 and DJ Oluwofemi with a projection by Illuminator Collective with Artwork by Denise Dunkley, Eurhi Jones, Gamar Markarian, and Dolores Standford. The project was made possible by the generous support of the <u>PTS Foundation</u>.

Mural Arts Philadelphia is the nation's largest public art program, dedicated to the belief that art ignites change. For over 35 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative and equitable process, creating over 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 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. Follow us on social media:

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