



**SHAPING
LEGACY**

PROJECT UPDATE

SAN FRANCISCO MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS

21 MAY 2025

sfac san francisco
arts commission



1 Lotta's Fountain
2 Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)
3 James A. Garfield (1831-1881)
4 General Henry W. Halleck (1815-1872)



5 Francis Scott Key (1780-1843)
6 Ball Thrower
7 Thomas Starr King (1824-1864)
8 Pioneer Monument (James Lick Monument)



9 Native Sons Monument (Admission Day...)
10 Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894) Memorial
11 Goethe and Schiller
12 Mechanics Monument (Peter Donahue-1829-...)



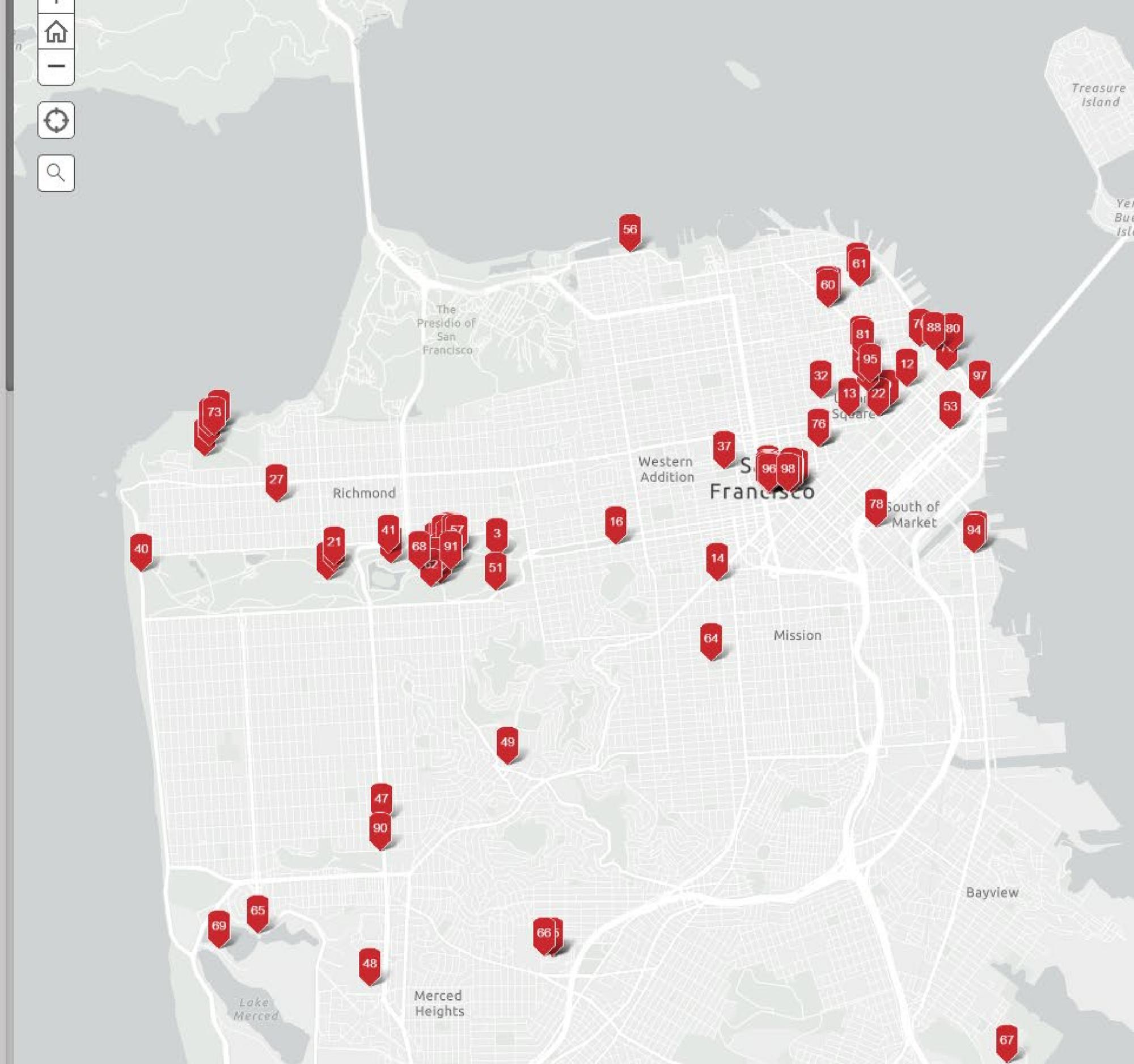
13 The Dewey Monument (Admiral George Dewey...)
14 California Volunteers, Spanish American War...
15 Hall McAllister (1829-1888)
16 William McKinley



17 Sun Dial
18 Padre Junipero Serra (1713-1784)
19 Robert Burns (1759-1796)
20 General Ulysses Simpson Grant (1822-...)



21 Portals of the Past
22 Luisa Tetrazzini (1874-...)
23 Raphael Weill (1837-...)
24 Pioneer Mother





Mellon Foundation

\$500M

The Monuments Project

A commitment to transform the nation's commemorative landscape by supporting public projects that help represent the complexity of American stories.



NEWS RELEASE

Mayor London Breed Announces The San Francisco Arts Commission Is One of Nine Municipalities Nationwide That Has Received A Portion of a \$25 Million Mellon Foundation Grant to Support Its Work on Monuments and Memorials Initiative

The \$3 million Monuments Project grant will fund and support "Pulse Check, Accountability and Activation of Future SF Monuments"





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Shaping Legacy is a three-year grant funded project that aims to critically examine the monuments and memorials in San Francisco's Civic Art Collection and to reimagine the future of monuments and memorial in the City.

We believe artists and their communities can guide us towards a future where monuments and memorials are spaces of inclusion, belonging and recognition of our shared humanity.



PROJECT GOALS

- Engage communities underrepresented in the City's commemorative landscape.
- Create opportunities for artist-led activations in public space and support temporary installations that reimagine future monuments and memorials in our city.
- Produce an Audit report on the monuments and memorials in the San Francisco's Civic Art Collection.

The project prioritizes meaningful community engagement to holistically assess the Civic Art Collection, build awareness around the civic process, rectify current power imbalances, and engage community in a sustained, relevant way.

BRIEF PROJECT OVERVIEW



ARTIST CIRCLE COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS



yétúndé olabaju
Mildred Howard
Dewey Crumpler
Tricia Rainwater



Skywatchers
Ramekon O'Arwisters
Mattie Loyce
Preehti Ramaprasad



GRAY AREA

Ambrose Trataris
Lucia Gonzales Ippolito
Morehshin Allahyari
Marcrowaves



Sophia Tupuola
Spencer (SPULU) Pulu
Epi Aumavae
Leora Kava



Set in Stone: A Self-Monumentalizing Workshop with Ambrose Trataris at Gray Area

Monumentalizing Community

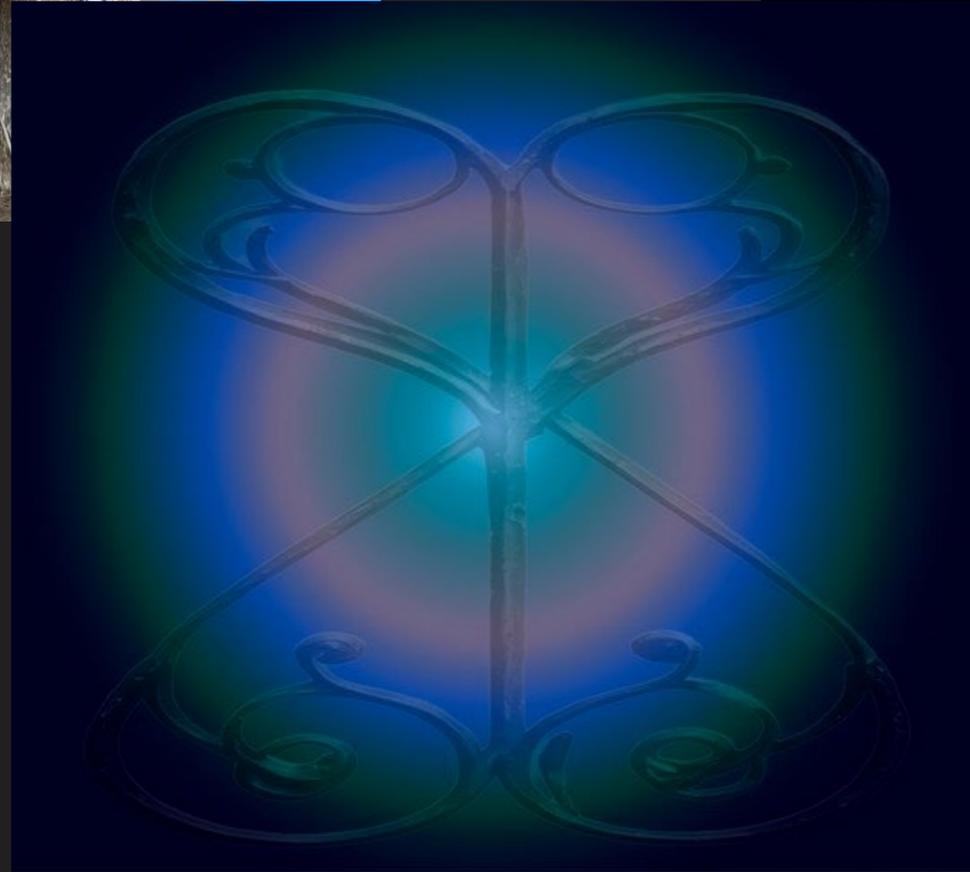
film screening, discussion, & co-creation

Ft. Skywatchers' documentary

Reimagining the City as Our Own: Towards an Architecture of Inclusion



Monumentalizing Community with Skywatchers & Preethi Ramaprasad at Tenderloin Museum



a lament

a porous activation & performance led by:
yétúndé olágbajú, Titania Kueh, Nana Boateng

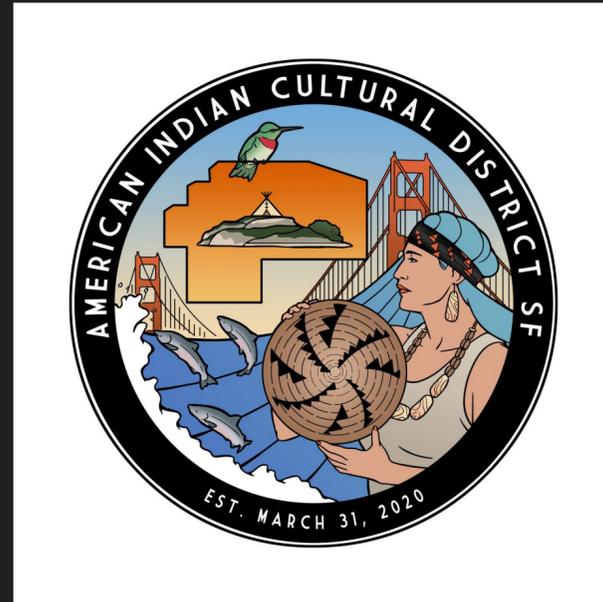
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6-9pm
@ 500 Capp

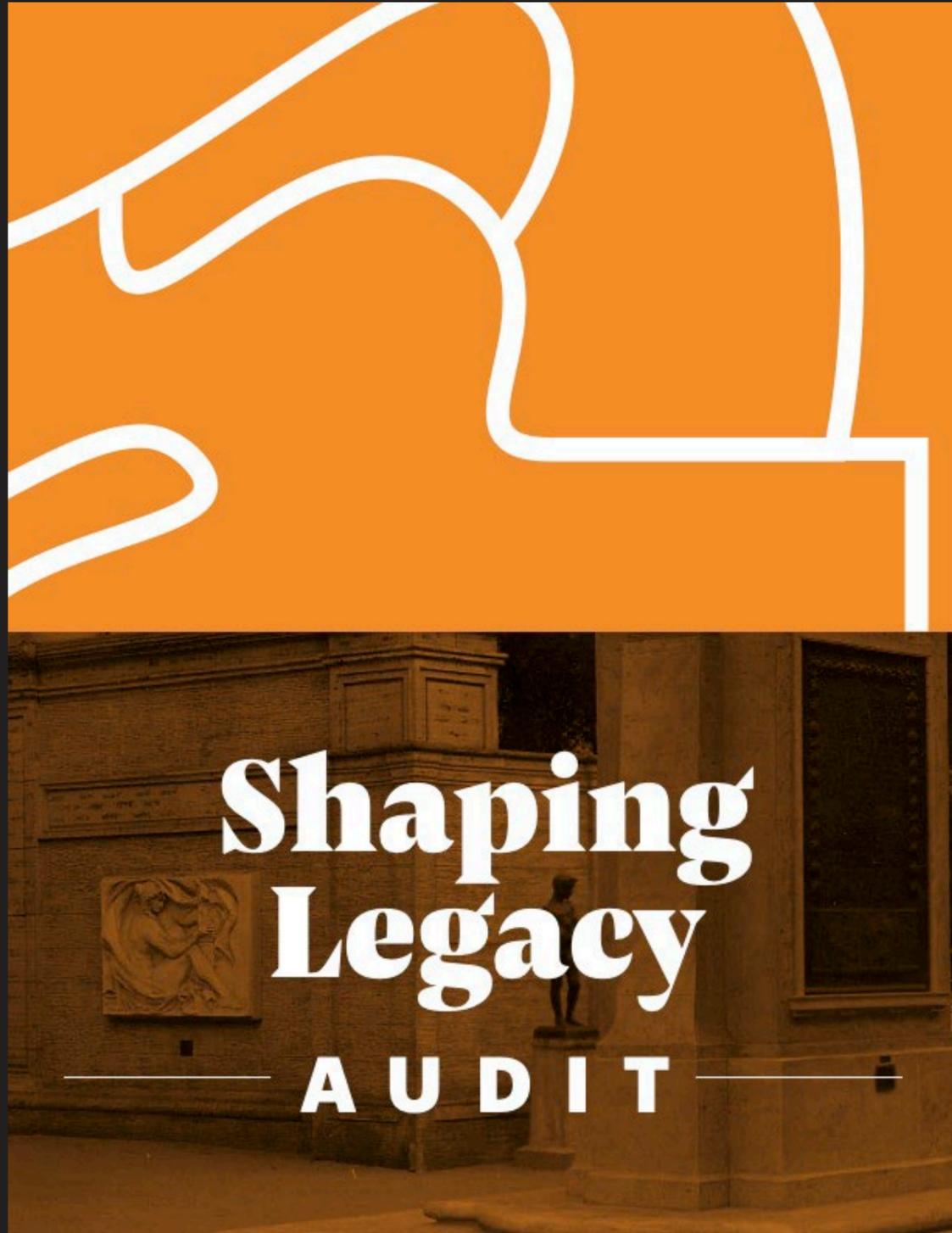
a lament with yétúndé olágbajú at 500 Capp Street



Speculations on Capture with Morehshin Allahyari at Gray Area

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CASE STUDY COLLABORATORS





EVOLVING THE ARCHIVE & EXPANDING PUBLIC MEMORY

The Shaping Legacy Audit compiled, verified, and analyzed information about each of the City's 105 monuments and memorials to develop recommendations for SFAC's planning for new monuments, engagement around existing monuments, and policies and programs.

The Audit's extensive historical research, engagement, data collection and analysis serve as a significant resource to understand the current landscape of public monuments and memorials in the Civic Art Collection.

PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS



THE JUSTICE COLLECTIVE



CALL FOR ARTISTS!

SHAPING LEGACY: MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

June 30, 2025 by 4:59 PM PT



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ONGOING & UPCOMING

- Shaping Legacy Audit Report
- Art on Market Poster Series
- Artist Circle & Community Collaborators' programming - through September 2025
- Community Engagement Consultants' case study artist activations - through March 2026
- Temporary Public Art Projects - April to October 2026

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Photo courtesy of Gray Area and the artist



Photo courtesy of Preethi Ramaprasad

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