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Social Justice Art Walk Addresses Anti-Asian Hate and Injustice

Local groups transform hate into compassion through education and activism

(Sacramento, CA) – Inspired by the **Movement for Black Lives** and agitated by the surge of hate crimes experienced by Asians across the country in 2020, Sacramento native and conceptual artist **Angie Eng** developed ***Right On! Social Justice Art Walk***, a civil rights art project highlighting landmark Supreme court cases which evidence systemic and institutional discrimination based on class, race, ethnicity, gender, and ability.

Fueled by a commission from Stop Asian Hate, an initiative of the Center of Humanities at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Eng previously mounted a silent art procession in Boulder, Colorado in October 2022.

On March 25, 2023, a growing ensemble of Sacramento organizers, participants and supporters will recreate and expand on this effort in the artist's hometown.

Community members are invited to share in this powerful action, combining civic engagement with purposeful cultural representation, and having an ultimate goal of transforming hate into compassion through education, awareness, and activism.

For the Sacramento project, Eng has partnered with **Jason Jong**, Sacramento community advocate and recent recipient of the **Sacramento Bee** AAPI Change Makers award, to punctuate the art walk with a cadre of musicians who will add traditional Asian percussion and wind instruments to the social justice art performance piece. Musicians will be interspersed with 125 art walk participants – community members and representatives from over forty local AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) organizations.

The procession will assemble at 12:00 p.m. in front of the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse at the corner of 5th Street and I Street. With a slow and intentional pace, the group will weave through Downtown streets and head towards Capital Mall. The cast will pose in silence at each block, forming a living billboard with their bodies, then returning to the Courthouse, where walkers, musicians, and observers will congregate for a culminating moment of solidarity and unity through sound.

WHO: Right On! Sacramento Organizing Committee

WHAT: Right On! Social Justice Art Walk

WHERE: Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse
501 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

WHEN: March 25th, 2023
12:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more information, visit the project web page: <https://angieeng.com/right-on-political-art-action-to-stop-asian-hate/>

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Right On! Sacramento Organizing Committee

Rejie Baloyos, Angie Eng, Joyce Eng, Lisa Hafoka, Jason Jong, Joshua Kaizuka, Katherine Morris, and Vadna Sharma.

Participating Organizations

ACC Senior Escort Program, Adult Buddhist Association, AIM California, Asian American Liberation Network (AALN), Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA), Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento (ABAS), Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Program, Asian Resources Inc., APIDA Center (CSUS), Brown Blossom Rising, Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies, California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce Foundation, California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA), Chinese American Council of Sacramento (CACS), City of Sacramento - Asian Pacific Islander Employee Resource Group, Council of Asian Pacific Islanders Together for Advocacy and Leadership (CAPITAL), Council on American-Islamic Relations, Sacramento Valley / Central CA (CAIR), Democratic Party of Sacramento County, EBAYC Sacramento, Florin JACL-Sacramento Valley, Full Circle Project (CSUS), Hei Gu Chinese Percussion Ensemble, Hmong Innovating Politics (HIP), Hmong Youth and Parents United (HYPU), Lu Mien Community Services (IMCS), Indian Association of Sacramento, Japanese American Citizens League – Sacramento Chapter, Laotian American Advancement Organization (LAAO), My Sister's House, OCA Sacramento-Asian Pacific American Advocates (OCA Sacramento), Project Hmong (CSUS), Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce (SACC), Sacramento Asian Pacific Cultural Village (SAPCV), Sacramento Lu Mien Association (SIMA), Sacramento LGBT Community Center, Sacramento Senior Safety Collaborative, Sacramento Sikh Temple, To'utupu'o e 'Otu Felenite Association, Inc. (TOFA), Vietnamese American Community Organization of Sacramento (VACOS).

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