



Community Identity Program

Reclaiming the Shakespeare Steps

A CITYarts mural project in The Bronx, New York

What:

CITYarts has produced and created a mural on the Shakespeare Stairs in the Bronx. After this staircase was featured in the Joker film, the site saw an influx of tourists. CITYarts and the community reclaimed the site as the Shakespeare Stairs. The community will feel ownership of both the stairs and the mural. This project has been created in collaboration with the City Council Member's office, local schools, youth, community, two professional artists, artist assistants, volunteers, and residents. This program was supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council. This project will be adopted by the Highbridge Green School located across from the mural as our *Shakespeare Stairs Keepers*.

Where:

1161 Shakespeare ave.
Bronx, NY 10452 (District 16)

Who:

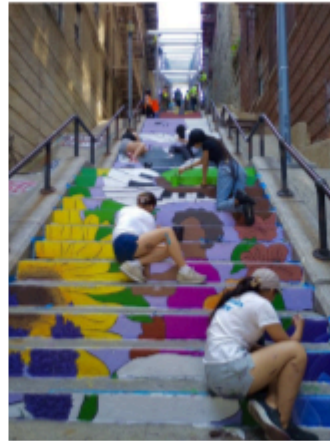
Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson,
Council Member Althea Stevens & Chief of staff Kate Connolly, HighBridge Green School teacher Elizabeth Martinez
CITYarts Artists: Natalie Caro
Volunteers, Interns, & Staff, CITYarts

Why:

- Engage neighborhood youth to become actively involved in transforming their community
- Revitalize the neighborhood space to make it more welcoming and enjoyable for residents and visitors
- Bring together youth and families to collaborate on a project that will improve a significant communal space and their quality of life
- Empower youth to take leadership roles in acting as positive force in their community while learning practical skills
- Build better relationships between youth and the NYPD

When:

Spring - Summer 2024



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