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CULTURALDC'S MOBILE ART GALLERY PARTNERS WITH SIGN OF THE TIMES AND CEDAR REALTY TRUST TO OPEN LOCAL YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Participants in summer workshop develop work inspired by their community to be displayed in Mobile Art Gallery

YOUTH WORKSHOP DATES: July 10-August 8

EXHIBITION DATES: August 11-September 29

GALLERY LOCATION: East River Park Shopping Center, 322 40th St. NE

GALLERY HOURS: Wed-Fri 3-7p.m., Sat-Sun 12-4p.m.

COMMUNITY KICK-OFF: Saturday, August 11, 12-2p.m.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Celebrating 20 years of making space for art, CulturalDC is proud to present the latest installation in its [Mobile Art Gallery](#). Local youth will transform the 40-foot renovated shipping container into an exhibition showcasing photography taken in and inspired by their community. Hosted at the East River Park Shopping Center by Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., a real estate investment trust that invests capital into high-density urban markets with a mission to do well while doing good for the communities they serve, the exhibition will run from August 11-September 29, 2018. Principal support is provided by Stephen G. Stein.

CulturalDC will partner with Sign of the Times to offer a series of free, artist-led, photography workshops for youth ages 10-15 at the Dorothy I. Height/Benning Neighborhood Library this summer. In addition to weekly lessons, there are planned field trips to the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment and the National Gallery of Art for a preview of the upcoming Gordon Parks exhibition, "The New Tide," guided by the museum's Consulting Curator Philip Brookman. This workshop is a valuable opportunity for the youth to develop life-long skills and learn about career options within the arts from industry professionals such as James Gregg, Donnell Lewis, Candice Taylor, and Rosina Teri Memolo. Through photography, these youth will be exposed to and have a new way to engage their community.

"CulturalDC is proud to collaborate with Sign of the Times' photo workshop. DC youth have awe-inspiring spirit and fresh viewpoints. The Mobile Art Gallery is the perfect platform for these youth to tell their neighborhood's story through photography," says Ava LaTanya Hilton, Executive Director of CulturalDC.

“Far Northeast (Deanwood), now Ward 7, was a culturally desolate community until the Sign of the Times came over forty years ago, opening the first free summer art and dance workshops for the children and youth in Lincoln Heights (Public Housing). Our longevity and talented youth speaks for itself,” says founder and Executive Director James Greggs.

The workshops will culminate in a month-long exhibition of participants’ work in the Mobile Art Gallery hosted by Cedar Realty Trust. The free Community Kick-Off will be held on Saturday, August 11 from 12-2pm, where all are encouraged to come celebrate the opening of the new exhibition. The event will feature local food, performers, and other fun activities.

“Cedar Realty Trust continues to collaborate with organizations that support and empower the Ward 7 community and the East River Park Shopping Center,” said Robin Zeigler, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “We look forward to expanding our investment in this community, and events like the mobile art gallery are just the beginning of what is to come for this neighborhood in the future.”

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ABOUT CULTURALDC

CulturalDC has a 19-year history of creating affordable, sustainable artist spaces in the Washington, DC, area. CulturalDC has brokered more than 250,000 square feet of artist space, including the Arts Walk at Monroe Street Market, Atlas Performing Arts Center, GALA Hispanic Theatre, Source Theatre and Woolly Mammoth Theatre. Each year, CulturalDC serves more than 1,000 artists and welcomes 30,000 audience members and participants who patronize local businesses and contribute an estimated \$1 million to the local economy.

CulturalDC’s Mobile Art Gallery continues our strong history of presenting cutting edge artwork and emerging artists by allowing artists to transform a fully-outfitted 40ft shipping container into an immersive environment. The gallery moves across the city throughout the 2017-2018 season with a new exhibit and a different community project in every neighborhood it visits. By outfitting a portable shipping container as a multi-functional space for art and by partnering with unconventional venues across the city, CulturalDC ensures that communities experience and engage in groundbreaking works.

CulturalDC’s Mobile Art Gallery was made possible with support from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Studios Architecture, Monarc Construction Inc., WGL Energy, Forest City Washington, Dulles Electric Supply, Enegenium Group, and K&K International Inc.

ABOUT SIGN OF TIMES

Sign of the Times Cultural Workshop & Gallery is a year-round cultural art organization that helps raise self-esteem in at-risk children, youth, and seniors east of the Anacostia River (Wards 7 and 8) by encouraging them to become active in their community and expanding their horizons in literary, visual, and performing arts and history. Our outstanding mural program throughout the Washington area has showcased historical, national, and international minority leaders whose contributions advanced America to its greatness.

Our mission is to offer year-round affordable cultural programs to the residents of Wards 7 and 8 in order to provide artistic avenues of expression and creativity.

Sign of the Times is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit cultural arts organization founded in 1970 by Jimmy Greggs and D’Anne DuBois for the purpose of starting a year-round art center for disadvantaged children and teens east of the Anacostia River.

ABOUT CEDAR REALTY TRUST

Cedar Realty Trust, Inc. is a fully-integrated real estate investment trust which focuses on the ownership, operation and redevelopment of grocery-anchored shopping centers in high-density urban markets from Washington, D.C. to Boston. The Company’s portfolio (excluding properties treated as “held for sale”) comprises 59 properties, with approximately 8.7 million square feet of gross leasable area.

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