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## **INVITATION TO THE ART EXHIBITION “CONNECTING US 2 TRASH”**

**Opening Date: March 25, 2025**

**Exhibition Duration: March 25, 2025 - May 1, 2025**

**Location: New Orleans Healing Center**

### **Join Us for a Transformative Experience!**

We are excited to announce the official opening of our thought-provoking group art exhibition, “**CONNECTING US 2 TRASH**”, which addresses the pervasive issues of consumerism and its consequences on the environment. This impactful exhibition will run from March 25 to May 1, 2025, and aims to shed light on how we can rethink trash as a valuable resource rather than mere waste.

Through the innovative works of various artists, the show encapsulates the transformative potential of discarded materials, emphasizing sustainability and creativity.

## **Kick-Off Events:**

- **Virtual Introduction Panel Discussion**  
**Date: March 25, 2025**  
**Time: 6 PM - 7 PM**  
**Platform: Zoom**
- **Group Panel Discussion**  
**Date: March 31, 2025**  
**Time: 6 PM - 7 PM**  
**Location: New Orleans Healing Center**

## **Featured Panelists Include:**

- **Adam Farrington, Jessica Strahan, Josh Hailey (New Orleans Artists)**
- **Ric Kasini Kadour (Kolaj Institute)**
- **Rodney Griffin, Rosemarie O'Connell, Shakiem "Paradoxx" Rhodes (Le Mysterium Art Collective)**
- **Selected Members from the Milliner's Association of Nigeria**
- **Agape Jasmine Pennywell (Atlanta)**

Join our engaging panel of artists and curator Madera Rogers-Henry as they dive into discussions about environmental responsibility and the need for reimagining waste in our culture.

## **A Call to Action:**

"CONNECTING US 2 TRASH" invites attendees to reflect on their consumption habits and encourages them to bring clean recyclables to the event. Enjoy complimentary light beverages and desserts while participating in crucial conversations about sustainability and creative solutions for environmental challenges.

## **Meet the Artists:**

Take this opportunity to deepen your appreciation of the exhibition's themes at our informal panel discussion on March 31. Featured artists will share their insights on the intersection of art, waste, and consumer culture, fostering dialogue about innovative approaches to sustainability.

## **Future Phases:**

While our initial phase focuses on highlighting the importance of art in addressing environmental issues, subsequent stages will delve deeper into the artists' stories, showcasing the techniques and philosophies that inspire them to repurpose waste into extraordinary works of art.

## **Conclusion:**

“CONNECTING US 2 TRASH” is more than just an exhibition; it embodies a movement advocating for awareness and action against the impact of consumerism on our planet. It also serves as the inaugural event for The Recycle Challenge Parade & Festival in 2025, as we embark on this collective journey towards a cleaner, more sustainable future.

**We invite you to join us in this vital conversation and action towards fostering creativity and responsibility in our communities.**

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**Join us as we transform trash into opportunity!**

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