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Prayers Art & Music Benefit Festival @ Casa0101

"Let's come together & have our voices be heard through art & music!"

Celebrate Together! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2015, 11:00am-7:00pm @ CASA 0101 Theater: www.casa0101.org

Boyle Heights, Los Angeles, CA: Casa0101 Theater, 2102 E. 1st Street, LA, CA 90033

December 5, 2015 is the launch of "Prayers Events" Featuring an Art & Music Benefit Festival for Casa 0101 @ Casa0101 with preceding publication to follow "Prayers: Worldwide; Prayers: from Los Angeles, Our Voices through Art & Music."

Everything related to this special day will solely benefit the Community, the participating Artists, & the chosen cause of Casa0101. Doors Open & Art portion of festivities begin 11:00am: Including our Art Benefit Marketplace/Sale. Speakers from 2:15-3:00pm. Benefit Concert begins sharply @ 4:00pm & Ends 6:30pm. Doors Close & Event Ends @ 7:00pm.

Free Admission/ DONATIONS ENCOURAGED: Entry Ticket (Sliding Scale \$5-\$20+) INCLUDES admission to the Benefit Concert @ 4pm & is good for the entire Day's Events. 100% of door proceeds go to benefit Casa 0101. For Art Benefit Sales: 50%+ of proceeds will go in Benefit & 50% to the Artist. Proceeds from the book goes to benefit the Event's chosen cause & 2 local causes.

Featuring the Art & Performance of: the Community of Los Angeles & greater East LA areas; Artists: Margaret Garcia, Heriberto Luna, Shea Stella, Rodrigo D. Manzano, Javier Herrera, Brett Doran Photography, & the Circle of Women Artists of the Stamp Project: Creating Cultural Currency; 2015 Latin Grammy nominated Demain Galvez of Centavros & Los Dorados, Sound Ministry Gurus music production collective w/ Derek O'Brien & Stan Dewitt, Extra Fancy (Acoustic Set) w/ Brian Grillo, singer Corrina Carter, glam folk songwriter Jellykka, & the performance Art of dance-painter Shea Stella. Documentary filmmaker A. Fernandez of Mexico City will be creating an Art Documentary of the Day. Music segment production & documentation by Loaded Bomb Records & Productions & D.O.B Sound Studios. Local vendors included! **See website for full details:** www.prayersfromLA.org.

Prayers: from the World; Prayers: from Los Angeles

The world is a chaotic place that seems to grow more painful for us to endure & more overwhelming as we try to express our concern as a people angered, frustrated, & unsustainable sadness. This *Prayers Event* will act as a communal salve. We will hang your positive wishes & concerns. We invite the community to bring a "prayer" – a small/miniature art piece (all mediums welcome) that shows & tells their individual prayers, wishes, hopes, & dreams for the world today. This event will be a small step towards our collective healing. To take that step, we must make ourselves be heard, especially where & when we are ignored & underrepresented. What better way to share with each other, give voice, & support one another in a universal way than through the precious & accessible medium of art & performance. We won't just continue to shout & scream at injustice. We put aside ego & speak with each other, sharing our varying, interesting & worthwhile perspectives with our art & music. We bring to these benefit events an INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY EXHIBIT.

Community members who brings a "Prayer" art piece may hang it up on the walls for all to see & interpret. Everyone who participates is invested, cataloged & included in the preceding publication!

"I think that there are certain ideas that are only powerful if you share them; they only matter if you share them. It's kind of like love. Love doesn't exist in a vacuum you have to share it in order for it to have meaning. And for me, the idea of doing this, these series of prayers is an idea of sharing. I started first by doing very small, miniature portraits of concerns of mine..." Los Angeles Artist Margaret Garcia had the initial idea & has cultivated it throughout the years. Aligning her grandmother's experience from the 1920s in her mind, concern grew regarding the ongoing news of the hijacked brides of the world, little girls kidnapped, forced into relations, & married off. "It's not new, it's something that exists all over the world and if you are a person who takes notice and understands it, then you have compassion for other human beings." There are so many issues, whether we are talking about mass incarceration, family healthcare, access & equality, modern day slavery, children in forced labor, or Syrian immigrants & war orphans, terror attacks that try our souls & spirits, or the myriad human rights violations currently going on worldwide.

Our goal is for this themed Prayers Day / Event to grow worldwide; choose a day once a year to come together & accomplish being vocal as we share our *Prayers* through miniature individual art pieces within our communities, creating our very own cultural billboards & cultivating positivism as well as taking those steps towards healing together.

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