



“Past is Present” Call Box Art Project

Words Beats & Life

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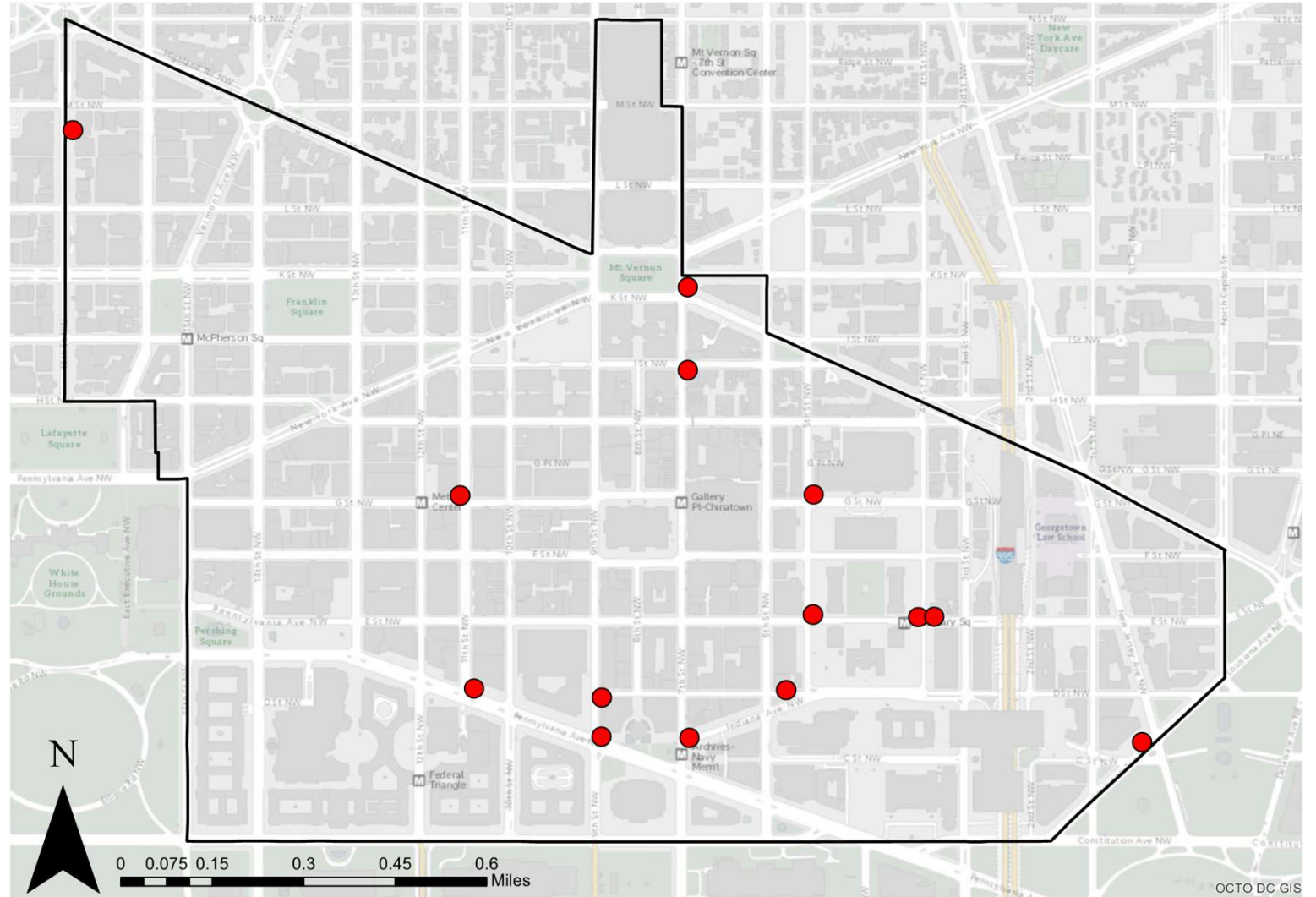
“Past is Present”

*This project is our effort to call in artists to **transform what was once a tool for public safety to become a tool of public history and imagination.** They are to be a celebration of all that makes Washington D.C. special.*

Words Beats & Life has invited 12 local artists diverse in gender, race, age, national origin, artistic style and chosen medium to be part of this outdoor ‘street art’ gallery, ‘The Past is Present’ and be showcased to hundreds of thousands of pedestrians on the streets of DowntownDC.

Locations

12 Call Boxes



2024 Call for Artists

Entry A: Cita

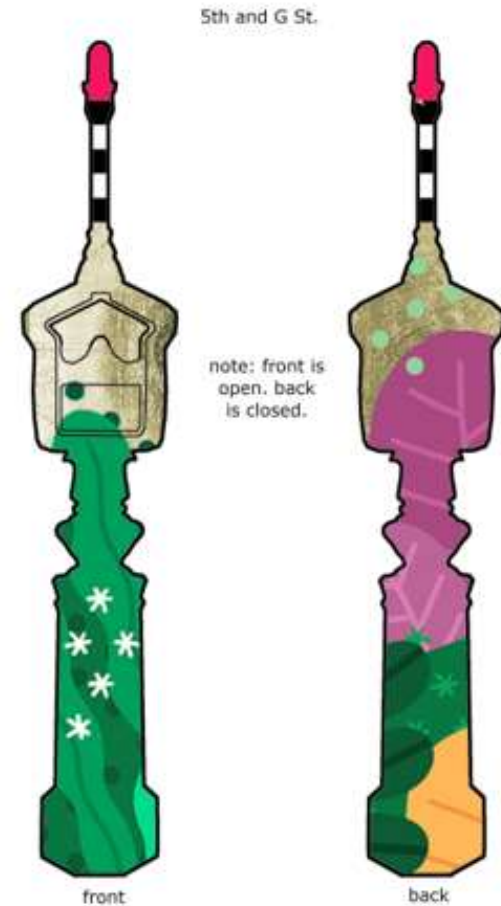
5th & G Streets



back



front



5th and G St.

note: front is
open. back
is closed.

front

back

2024 Call for Artists

Entry B: Rico

5th & E Street



back



front



front



back

2024 Call for Artists

Entry C: Juan

7th & Indiana Ave



2024 Call for Artists

Entry D: Ernesto

7th & Mass Ave



2024 Call for Artists

Entry E: Rose

ROSE

7th & I Streets



back



front



front

Rose Jaffe
Concept 1



front

note: front is
open. back
is closed.



back



2024 Call for Artists

Entry F: John

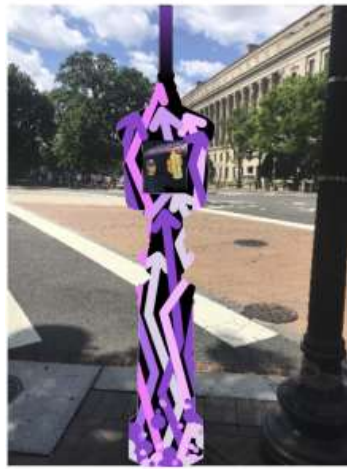
9th & D Streets



2024 Call for Artists

Entry G: Asad

ASAD ULTRA WALKER
COOL DISCO DAN MEMORIAL
9th & Penn Ave



2024 Call for Artists

Entry H: Eric

VERSA

11th & G Streets



11th and G St.

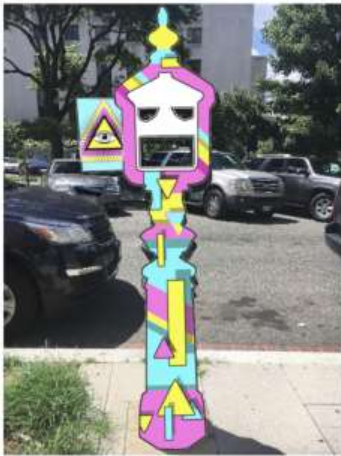


2024 Call for Artists

Entry I: Ham

SK

515 D Street



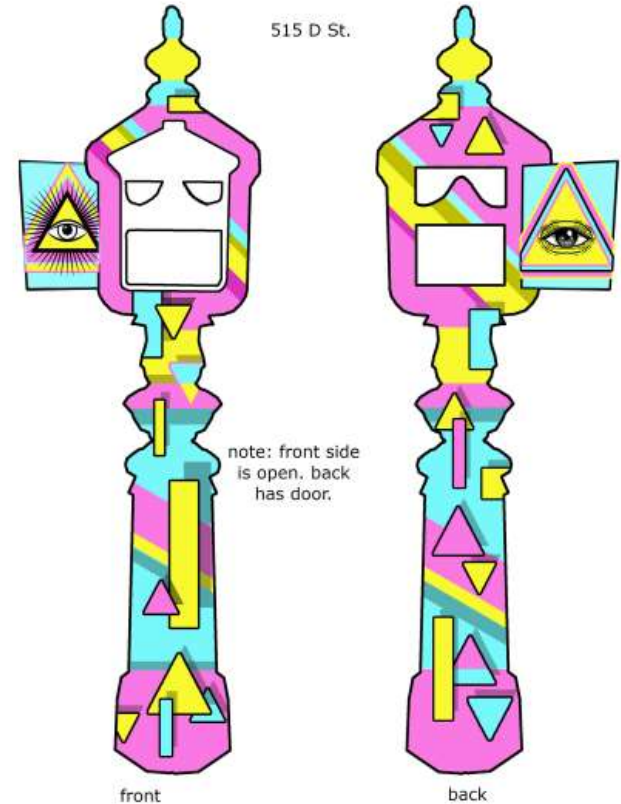
front



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2024 Call for Artists

Entry J: Crow

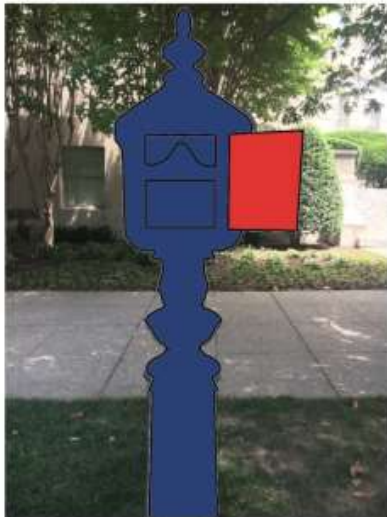
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1125 16th Street



2024 Call for Artists

Entry K: Jamila

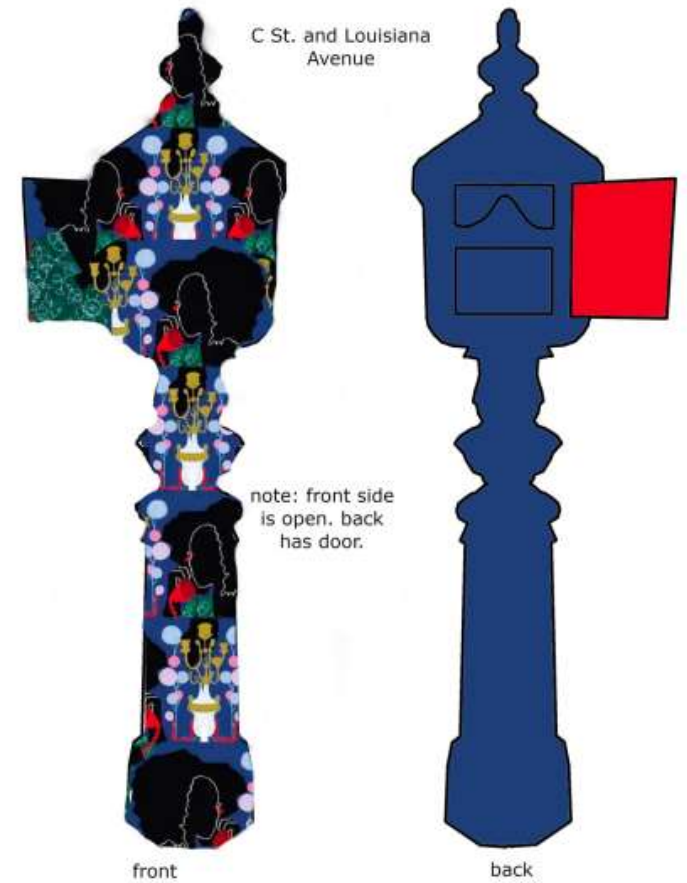
C and Louisiana Avenue



back



front



C St. and Louisiana Avenue

note: front side is open. back has door.

front

back

2024 Call for Artists

Entry L: Shanis

SHIH

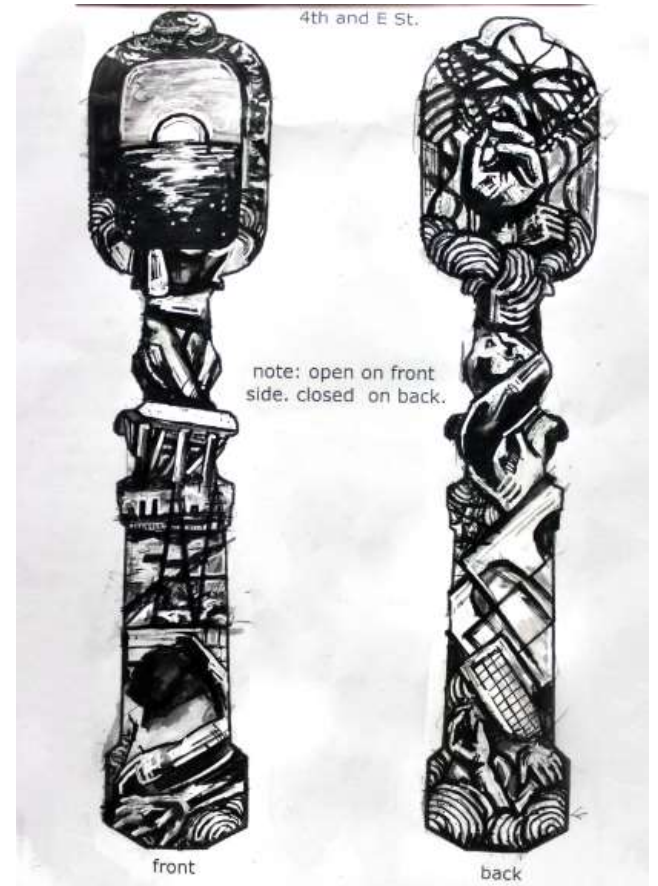
4th & E Streets (300 block)



front



back



Timeline

- July 2024: Grant Application
- Nov. 2024-April 2025: Paint removal and priming, repairs, outreach, permitting
- April-June 2025: Painting
- July 2025: Unveiling and walking tour

Questions?



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