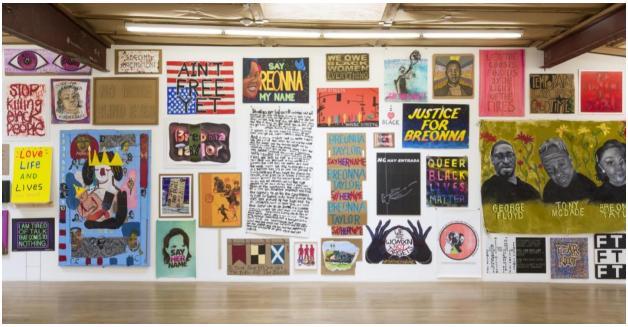
Cardi B, David Hockney, Rashid Johnson, Bruno Mars, Sheila Pree Bright, Marilyn Minter, Nathaniel Mary Quinn, Kenny Scharf, Natalie Ball, Doron Langberg, Anderson .Paak, Usher, Vincent Ramos, Nash Glynn, and Saya Woolfalk Come Together to Protest Police Violence Against Black Women Along With 100+ Other Artists In #ShowMeTheSigns, An Exhibition and Auction of Artists' Protests Signs

Auction is now live for bidding, with 100% of proceeds supporting the African American Policy Forum's #SayHerName Mothers Network

Nationwide public art project accompanies the exhibition and auction and features artists' protest signs on digital billboards across the U.S. including in major cities impacted by police violence



Installation view of Show Me the Signs at Blum & Poe Los Angeles (October 30-November 14, 2020). Photo by Ed Mumford.

November 10, 2020 – Over 100 artists have come together for the "Show Me the Signs" exhibition and auction that will directly help the families of Black women killed by the police, a systemic problem that has been glossed over in the United States for far too long. These artists have created powerful pieces in the form of protest signs to fight for change. All of the artists have donated their signs to be auctioned, with 100% of the proceeds going to the African American Policy Forum (AAPF) #SayHerName Mothers Network. Founded by AAPF in December 2014, the #SayHerName campaign works with the mothers and families of Black women, girls, and femmes killed by police, to elevate their stories and fight for justice.

A major exhibition of public art featuring artists' protests signs from the #ShowMeTheSigns exhibition is presented on more than 90 billboards and digital kiosks across the country including in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, San Antonio, Tempe, and

Washington DC. Artists included are: Cardi B, April Bey, Sheila Pree Bright, Elisa Cohen, Mira Dancy, Nick Doyle, Lanise Howard, Pearl C. Hsiung, Bruno Mars, Patrick Martinez, Alessandro Pessoli, Clintel Steed, Glenyse Thompson, Usher and James Jean, Sara VanDerBeek, Didier William, and Saya Woolfalk. The works are on display throughout the month of November with the generous support of Orange Barrel Media to bring awareness to the #SayHerName campaign and the auction.

"Black women and girls do not fit the most accessible frames of anti-Black police violence, and because of that, it's difficult to tell their stories in a way that people recognize and remember," said Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw, AAPF executive director and co-founder and founder of Say Her Name. "By working with the families of slain Black women, AAPF's #SayHerName campaign resists Black women's invisibility by telling their stories."

Featuring works by artists across creative industries including April Bey, Cardi B, Jim Carrey, George Condo, Billie Eilish, Aaron Fowler, David Hockney, Rashid Johnson, Bruno Mars, Marilyn Minter, Nancy Rubins, and Nathaniel Mary Quinn, "Show Me the Signs" brings together a diverse and inclusive collective of creative voices that reinforce solidarity and empower love. The auction is hosted on Artfizz, a new online community-driven marketplace for contemporary art, which is offering its platform to support the initiative prior to its official launch later this year. 100% of the funds raised will go directly to the African American Policy Forum to support the #SayHerName campaign. The auction launches for bidding in two parts, with Part 1 running from November 10 to 19, and Part 2 running from November 21 to 30. All of the signs from the auction are on view at Blum & Poe in Los Angeles through November 14.

"We thank all of the participating artists who have shared their creative vision to stand for love and equal justice, and to support this important cause," said Amanda Hunt, Director of Public Programs and Creative Practice at Lucas Museum of Narrative Art and member of the "Show Me the Signs" Benefit Committee. "Show Me the Signs' brings the creative community together with a larger collective to protest police violence against Black women, support the families already impacted, and promote a better future for all."

"Malcolm X said, 'The most disrespected person in America is the Black woman. The most unprotected person in America is the Black woman. The most neglected person in America is the Black woman.' Let's remember Ms. Breonna Taylor, a Black woman, as a beacon of light whose life opportunities were cut short. Let her name glimmer throughout the world and not be forgotten along with Kayla Moore, Rekia Boyd, Sandra Bland, Michelle Cusseaux, Monika Diamond, and Aiyana Mo'Nay Stanley-Jones to name a few," said Sheila Pree Bright, participating artist.

"'Black Lives Matter / Boosboosli Hokis Dich Aowah' is a sign that was activated in our urban and rural communities in 2020," said Natalie Ball, participating artist. "BoosBoosli Hokis Dich Aowah translates to Black Lives Matter from our Tribal language of Klamath Tribes. As an Indigenous woman, who is Black and Indian, I know the importance of visibility, protection, and the AAPF."

To learn more about "Show Me the Signs" and bid online, please visit www.artfizz.com.

NOTES TO EDITORS

"Show Me the Signs" Online Auction

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Live Auction Part 1: November 10 – November 19, 2020 Live Auction Part 2: November 21 – November 30, 2020

"Show Me the Signs" Exhibition

October 30 - November 14, 2020

Blum & Poe

2727 S. La Cienega Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90034

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About African American Policy Forum (AAPF)

Founded in 1996 by Kimberlé Crenshaw and Luke Charles Harris, African American Policy Forum (AAPF) is an innovative think tank that connects academics, activists and policymakers to promote efforts to dismantle structural inequality. AAPF utilizes new ideas and innovative perspectives to transform public discourse and policy. AAPF promotes frameworks and strategies that address a vision of racial justice that embraces the intersections of race, gender, class, and the array of barriers that disempower those who are marginalized in society. AAPF is dedicated to advancing and expanding racial justice, gender equality, and the indivisibility of all human rights, both in the U.S. and internationally. To learn more about the African American Policy Forum (AAPF) and its #SayHerName campaign, please visit aapf.org.

About #SayHerName

Launched in December 2014 by the African American Policy Forum (AAPF) and Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies (CISPS), the #SayHerName campaign brings awareness to the often invisible names and stories of Black women and girls who have been victimized by racist police violence, and provides support to their families.

About #SayHerName Mothers Network

The #SayHerName Mothers Network is a group of mothers and family members of Black women, girls and femmes killed by police. The mission of the Mothers Network is to provide support to other mothers and families who have been victimized by racist police violence and to bring about reforms in social, judicial and law enforcement practices that can ensure humane, just and empathetic change in communities across the nation. Similar to movements for social and restorative justice from around the world, this network of Mothers and families has turned grief into activism while providing a model for social movements that are currently searching for sustainable approaches to advocacy and reform.

About "Show Me the Signs"

"Show Me the Signs" is an online benefit auction and exhibition of protest signs created by artists, musicians, actors, and other creatives, with 100% of the proceeds going to the African American Policy Forum's #SayHerName Mothers Network, which works with the mothers and families of Black women, girls, and femmes killed by police to elevate their stories and fight for justice. More than 140 artists and creatives across industries have donated their signs to be auctioned, providing insights into our lived experiences that bear witness to the suffering around us and creatively capturing the change we need.

"Show Me the Signs" is live for bidding on Artfizz.

About Artfizz

Artfizz is a new online platform that seeks to foster a community-driven marketplace for contemporary art. Founded on the belief that artists should continue to benefit from the ongoing sales of their work and be a part of their works' continued journey, Artfizz shares half of the commission with the artists whenever their works are resold on the platform. Further details will be announced later this year.

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