



ENTERTAINMENT



Professional artist sought for new Hattiesburg public art project

JANS – Hattiesburg Alliance for Public Art has announced a Call for Artists to design and execute an exterior mural titled “Your Life Matters.” The project will be located at Ebenezer Baptist Church on East 8th Street in Hattiesburg, MS. Artists with professional experience in public art or painting are invited to respond to the call.

This new addition to the series of public art pieces commissioned through HAPA so far in 2020, “Your Life Matters”, will be a lively, positive mural focused on the impact people have on those around them.

The completed project will measure approximately 11.5 feet high x 33 feet wide and be placed along the exterior of Ebenezer Baptist Church. The mural will face the newly restored East 8th Street basketball and tennis courts and also be highly visible from Chain Park, Hattiesburg’s 37-acre public park along the Bouie

River. The prominent location will allow the mural to be enjoyed by tens of thousands annually.

The purpose of the mural will be to illustrate the impact people have on those around them. Ultimately, it will convey the message, “The world needs the best of you...because you matter.” Professional artists, both locally as well as those from across the state and nation, are encouraged to submit designs.

For more details and instructions, interested artists may visit hattiesburgpublicart.org/call-for-artists. Applications must be electronically submitted by 5pm on Friday, October 23, 2020. The final design selection will be based on artistic merit, creativity, demonstrated ability, technical knowledge, and the artist’s interpretation of the theme.

To learn more about HAPA and for a map of existing public art in Hattiesburg, visit HAPA’s Facebook and Instagram pages or hattiesburgpublicart.com.

Working it! Jackson welcomes new curator at art museum

By Amia D. Edwards
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It was destined to happen – a conversation about pop culture, poverty, being Black in a creative world, and the importance of art. That is exactly what Ryan N. Dennis and I discussed recently. She is the new Chief Curator and Artistic Director of the Center for Art & Public Exchange (CAPE) at the Mississippi Museum of Art. My title is a little shorter when it comes to my capacity at the art museum: Community Advisory Board Member. It is safe to say we have a few things in common. The main thing is the love of art.



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My first question about the

world of art? What is a curator? Ryan explained it with ease: “It is someone who cares for the art – a kind of a custodian of the art. I also am supportive of the artist’s vision to the public.”

Dennis and her family are new to the Jackson Metro Area and she packs an impressive resume. After leaving New York as the Artist in Residence Manager at the African Art Museum (now the Africa Center), she then joined Project Row Houses in Houston, Texas as Curator and Programs Director.

I researched Project Row in Houston’s Third Ward. It’s impressive. The project took on 39 homes in the city’s oldest Black neighborhood and transformed them. Dozens of shot gun houses that were left for blight ... literally became light. The project sheds light on enriching activities, art programs,



Ryan N. Dennis

and community development. Does she have similar plans for her new city? “In Jackson, I am still exploring. My first priority is finding ways to have deeper engagement with the residents of Jackson, but also really put forth exhibitions that reflect Black and Brown people. That speaks to the kind of climate that we live in and

creates strategies that are uplifting and not based in sorrow and pain. And, I also want to listen to the city and connect, and bring things that people want to see.”

Ryan reminded me that African American artist Leonardo Drew’s “A City in the Grass” is on display in the Art Gardens and can be enjoyed by the public for free with standard social distance guidelines.

I enjoy visiting the Mississippi Museum of Art – the state’s largest art museum – and look forward to seeing how Ryan Dennis brings her special touch. “I want to know how I can support the various communities in Jackson. I would just love to have people visit the museum and have people connect with the museum. It’s definitely here for everyone.”

PUBLIC NOTICE Hinds County, Mississippi

In Accordance with Section 17-17-348, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the following synopsis of Hinds County, Mississippi Solid Waste funds for the fiscal year ending 9-30-2020 is provided:

Revenues		
• Taxes and Ad Valorem	2,059,031.50	
• Intergovernmental Revenues	14,914.86	
• Interest Income	823.26	
Expenditures		
• Contractual Service	2,040,360.08	Waste Management of Jackson
P O BOX 55558		
Boston, MA 02205		
• Interfund Loan Interest	1,845.65	

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Central MS Planning and Development District is striving to ensure the public continues to have opportunities to participate in the transportation decision-making process during the COVID-19 pandemic. CMPDD has made special arrangements for the public to join CMPDD staff members during a virtual public meeting that will take place Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6 pm.

During the meeting, you will have the opportunity to hear presentations and make comments on the proposed Jackson Urbanized Area’s 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

The 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is a planning document that reflects a comprehensive blueprint of the region’s transportation system needs over the next 25 years for Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. It forecasts changes in the region and seeks to identify transportation improvements needed to keep people and goods moving smoothly, while identifying a financially feasible list of proposed improvements. The plan is multi-modal addressing needs in roadway, public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian, rail and freight. The proposed plan is available for review and comment by visiting the project’s website page

www.cmpdd.org/transportation/2045-metropolitan-transportation-plan/

Individuals who would like to participate in the virtual public meeting can access the meeting from the project’s website using a desktop computer, tablet, or smart phone on October 22, 2020. To access the virtual meeting, click on the Virtual Public Meeting Button on the project’s website page.

Anyone who may require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate should advise CMPDD at least 7 days in advance by calling 601-981-1511 or emailing mpo@cmpdd.org.



Join us October 22nd 6 P.M.
Visit cmpdd.org/transportation/2045-metropolitan-transportation-plan/