

150+ Artists and Billboard Locations Announced As Part of The Largest Public Art Project in U.S. History

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Artist-Led Campaign "50 State Initiative" Inspires Nationwide Civic Engagement Around Midterm Elections with Powerful Network and Daily Activations

For Freedoms, a collective of artists, institutions, organizations, and people across the country who are experimenting with new and innovative pathways to civic participation, announced the **locations and artists for over 150 billboards** as part of the **50 State Initiative**, the largest public art project in U.S. history. Billboards are now on view in all fifty states, with more going up weekly. Full list below.

With less than a month until the November 6 midterm elections, the artist billboards join the For Freedoms collaboration between over 300 artists and 200 museums, universities, and cultural centers in critical daily activations across the nation. Free and open to the public, these artworks and events include **artist-designed billboards**, **exhibitions**, **lawn signs**, **and local community dialogues** in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Visit **forfreedoms.org** to find upcoming events in your city and state.

"One major problem we confront is the binary nature of arguments on political issues. We are not for or against. We are for everything in between," says **Mark Skidmore**, **For Freedoms Political Advisor**. "For Freedoms is trying to grapple with the problem of exclusion and exclusivity. We believe art is a civic catalyst. That means we are welcoming, inclusive, and open to all, and believe everyone should have an equal seat at the table."

ARTIST BILLBOARD LOCATIONS

ALASKA

Justin Brice Guariglia, We Are The Asteroid
The Anchorage Museum, 625 C St, Anchorage

ALABAMA

Eric Gottesman, *The American Way* 380 Arba St, Montgomery

Jim Ricks, *In Search Of The Truth* Location Pending, Montgomery

ARIZONA

JR, Migrants, Mayra, Picnic across the border, Tecate, Mexico - U.S.A., 2017 I-10 & Vicksburg Rd, Phoenix

Richard Mosse, *Incoming* Location Pending, Phoenix

ARKANSAS

Marilyn Minter, *SAD*US 70 & N Alexander Rd, Little Rock

Mike Mandel and Larry Sultan, Whose News 10825 Kanis Rd A, Little Rock

Zoë Buckman, Inaction is Apathy S Walton Blvd & SW 12th St, Bentonville

In Collaboration With 21c Museum Hotels

CALIFORNIA

Hank Willis Thomas, Cotton Bowl

Third Street and Caesar Chavez, San Francisco In Collaboration With Imprint City

Paula Crown, Hurt People Hurt People

Crenshaw Blvd & W 59th Pl, Los Angeles

Rashid Johnson, *Untitled Anxious Men*

Undefeated, S La Brea Ave & W 1st St, Los Angeles

William Scott, *Untitled*

Third Street and Caesar Chavez, Bayview In Collaboration With Imprint City

COLORADO

Susan Meiselas, 2:00 a.m. Arrest and documentation of twelve-year-old boy, Imperial Beach, CA, 1989

Federal Blvd & W Irving PI, Denver

CONNECTICUT

Mequitta Ahuja, LOOP

Location Pending, Hartford

Trevor Paglen, Nov 6

US-6 & Pope Park Hwy, Hartford

DELAWARE

Deborah Kass, Vote! Your Life Depends On It

I-95 North, 1m North of Chapel, Wilmington Courtesy of the Artist and pulp, ink

Ken Gonzales Day, *Untitled, 2011, Featuring Bust of A Young Man, Antico (Pier Jacopo Alari-Bonacolsi), and Bust of a Man, Francis Harwood*

Old Airport Rd & Delaware Turnpike, Wilmington

Ronald Rael & Virginia San Fratello, Reunite

I-95 North, 1m North of Chapel, Wilmington

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Edgar Arceneaux, Hopelessness Freeze Time

Cook Hall at the American University, Washington

Zoë Buckman and Natalie Frank, *Untitled*

Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St NW, Washington

FLORIDA

Carrie Mae Weems, To Dream

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art at Florida State University, Sarasota

Derrick Adams, Ode to Bayard Rustin

NW 79th St & NW 5th Ave, Miami

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Jamila El Sahili, I Love You

University of Central Florida, Orlando

Shaun Leonardo, *Trayvon Martin*

W Tennessee St & Aster Lake Blvd, Tallahassee

Stuart Sheldon, The Best Words

Florida International University, Miami

GEORGIA

Awol Erizku, Make America Panther Again

I-85 & E 10th St, Atlanta

HAWAII

Imaikalini Kalahele and Cory Taum, Ula Leo

32 N Hotel St, Honolulu

In Collaboration With Axis Chinatown

IDAHO

Emily Hanako Momohara, Family Incarceration: Never Again is Now

HWY 20 & E Gowen Rd. Boise

ILLINOIS

Cheryl Pope, Lines Can't Be Drawn In The Middle

University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago

Katherine Gilmore, They Call Us A Storm

Location Pending, Decatur

Paula Crown, Thoughts & Prayers

W Jackson Blvd & S Jefferson St, Chicago E Illinois S & N State S, Chicago

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Tomashi Jackson, Alteronce in Hannah (Oliver Brown, et al. v. Board of Education of Topeka, et al.)

Illinois State University, Normal

Wendy Ewald, Christian

W Eldorado St & N Fairview Ave, Decatur

INDIANA

Alfredo Jaar, A Logo For America

Location Pending, Gary

Jesse Williams, That's All Folks!

US-36 & N Post Rd, Indianapolis

Theaster Gates, Where Black Power Lives

Indiana Toll Rd & Calumet Ave, Gary

IOWA

Kambui Olujimi, Consensus of Silence

3801 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines

For Freedoms, Four Freedoms

IA-28 & SW Leland Ave, Des Moines

KANSAS

Jeremy Dean, Hummer Stagecoach

Hwy 35 & Terrace St, Kansas City In Collaboration With 21c Museum Hotels

Jeremy Dean, InDivisible

Hwy 35 & Terrace St, Kansas City In Collaboration With 21c Museum Hotels

For Freedoms, Four Freedoms

KS-4 & SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka

KENTUCKY

Donald Moffett, Think Science

New Circle Rd & Georgetown St, Lexington

Ebony G. Patterson, untitled (...he was 12)

167 W. Main Street, Lexington
In Collaboration With 21c Museum Hotels
Courtesy of the Artist and Monique Meloche Gallery

Titus Kaphar, Behind the Myth of Benevolence

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Expy & Preston Hwy, Louisville In Collaboration With 21c Museum Hotels

LOUISIANA

For Freedoms, Four Freedoms

Hwy 90 & Seven Oaks Blvd, New Orleans

MAINE

Christopher Myers, *Mayflowers*

Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockland SPACE Gallery, Portland Maine College of Art, Portland

Demian DinéYazhi', PROMISE ME YOU WON'T COLONIZE ME (mars), 2014 SPACE Gallery, Portland

MARYLAND

Adam Pendleton, Midnight (A Victim of American Democracy)

Location Pending, Baltimore
In collaboration with the Baltimore Museum of Art

Steve Locke, *Three Deliberate Grays for Freddie (A Memorial for Freddie Gray)*Location Pending, Baltimore

Shinique Smith, Portrait of Shinique as a Bundle on Rodeo Beach (3 months before Cosco oil spill), 2007

Coppin State University, Baltimore

Natalie White, Equal Means Equal

Mt Savage Rd NW & Homewood St NW, Cumberland

MASSACHUSETTS

David Birkin and Mariam Ghani, System Failure

Location Pending, Boston

Lorraine O'Grady, Come out, come out, wherever you are

I-91 & Plainfield St, Springfield

Peter van Agtmael, Disco Disco 123

MA-24 S 1.5m S of W Chestnut, Brockton

MICHIGAN

Jamila El Sahili, Human Being

Lansing Rd & Pinch Hwy, Lansing

Sam Durant, Poder

Cass & Amsterdam NW, Detroit

MINNESOTA

Michael Rakowitz, Ahlan Wa Sahlan

MISSISSIPPI

Jessica Ingram, *Vote for Vernon Dahmer, 2018* Hwy 220 & Medgar Evers Blvd, Jackson

MISSOURI

Christine Sun Kim, Words Shape Reality Hwy 54 & Jefferson Rd, Jefferson City

Derrick Adams, Ode to Bayard RustinI-44 110 ft east of Cass Avenue SS, St.Louis
In Collaboration With Projects+Gallery

Hank Willis Thomas, *All Li es Matter* 1200 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, St Charles In Collaboration With Projects+Gallery

Michele Pred, YOUR BODY YOUR BUSINESS In Collaboration With Projects+Gallery

MONTANA

Fred Tomaselli, *I've Fallen* Hwy 15 & Pinecrest Rd, Helena

NEBRASKA

Jim Goldberg, It's Mourning In America Cornhusker Hwy & N 48th St, Lincoln

NEVADA

Cristina Velazquez, No Soy Tu Mamacita
W Charleston Blvd & S Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Paola Mendoza and Kisha Bari, *I Am A Child* N Main St & Ten Rod Rd, Rochester

NEW JERSEY

Wangechi Mutu, *Africa's Out!*US Hwy 1 & Muirhead Ave, Trenton

William Scott and David Byrne, *Untitled* Bloomfield Ave & N 12th St, Newark

NEW MEXICO

Demian DinéYazhi', PROMISE ME YOU WON'T COLONIZE ME (mars), 2014

Location Pending, Las Cruces

Richard Misrach, Romans 13:10

CanAM Hwy & El Suspiro Ct, Las Cruces

NEW YORK

Carrie Mae Weems, Democracy Hangs in the Balance

E Brighton Ave & Ainsley Dr, Syracuse In Collaboration With Lightwork

Eric Gottesman, Where Do We Go From Here?

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Hank Willis Thomas, They Are Us

E Brighton Ave & Ainsley Dr, Syracuse In Collaboration With Lightwork

Hank Willis Thomas, Us Is Them

E Brighton Ave & Ainsley Dr, Syracuse In Collaboration With Lightwork

Suzanne Lacy & Anna Ayeroff, ONE/US

Crosstown Connection & Albany St, Albany Photograph from The Circle and the Square, Suzanne Lacy, 2016, photo by Susan Guzman

Zoe Buckman, Grab Em By The Ballots

E Brighton Ave & Ainsley Dr, Syracuse In Collaboration With Lightwork

NORTH CAROLINA

Jeffrey Gibson, THIS STORY HASN'T BEEN WRITTEN YET

I-95 & Red Oak Brattleboro Rd, Raleigh

Muna Malik, Exodus 22:21

University of North Carolina Charlotte, Charlotte

Stacey L. Kirby, Yo Soy Válida

Durham Fwy & Ellis Rd, Durham In Collaboration With 21c Museum Hotels

Travis Somerville, *Nevermind*, 2016

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro

NORTH DAKOTA

Prune Nourry, << River Man >>

Rotating through several digital billboards across Fargo

OHIO

Emily Hanako Momohara, *Child Imprisonment: Never Again is Now* I-75 & Vine St, Cincinnati

Michelangelo Lovelace, Glory

Dublin Rd & Grandview Ave, Columbus

OKLAHOMA

Guerrilla Girls, Dear Boss, No Wonder You Don't Pay Us A Living Wage US 77 & NW 59th St, Oklahoma City

Justin Brice Guariglia, We Are The Asteroid

I-40 & S May Ave, Oklahoma City
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OREGON

Carrie Mae Weems, *To Dream*

Portland Art Museum, Portland

Emily Jacir, *Translate Allah*

Lancaster Dr SE & State St, Salem

Trevor Paglen, Nov 6

Portland Art Museum, Portland

PENNSYLVANIA

Anonymous, Me Pardon Me

I-95 & Linden Ave, Philadelphia

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Jon Rubin, They All Look Alike

Location Pending, Harrisburg

Mitch Epstein, The Common Air

I-83 & S Front St, Harrisburg

PUERTO RICO

Esteban Valdés, *Untitled*

Location Pending, San Juan

La Puerta Bandera, Todo Se Pudre En El Vagón De La Colonia

Location Pending, San Juan

Miguel Luciano, Untitled

Location Pending, San Juan

RHODE ISLAND

Tuan Andrew Nguyen, Not Spaceship Earth

I-95 & Concord St, Providence

SOUTH CAROLINA

Dustin Yellin, HERE COMES THE SEA...Anthropogenic Climate Change and the future of our species

St Andrews Rd & Piney Grove Rd, Columbia

SOUTH DAKOTA

Tunkasila, We Are All Related

I-90 & Sidney Stage Rd, Rapid City

Xaviera Simmons, Freedom Is Not Guaranteed

8th Ave NE & N Roosevelt St. Aberdeen

TENNESSEE

Ahron Weiner, Buttheads

8th Street, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville

Hank Willis Thomas, Love Over Rules

I-24 & Cowan St, Nashville In Collaboration With 21c Museum Hotels

Sadie Barnette, Some Space

Gallatin Pike S & E Due W Ave, Nashville

TEXAS

Alfredo Jaar, Es Usted Feliz

N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd & Sonterra Blvd, Austin

UTAH

Richard Renaldi, Who Are We

S Shurtz Canyon Dr, Cedar City

VERMONT

Luis Jacob, Land Acknowledgement

Vermont College of Fine Arts East State and West Streets

VIRGINIA

Joy Sela, We Mirror

George Mason University, Fairfax

Derek Eley, Enter The Fray

Location Pending, Norfolk

In Collaboration with Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art

GRAN FURY, Welcome To America

Location Pending, Norfolk

In Collaboration with Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art

Harrell Fletcher, It's Time To Read Orwell Again

Location Pending, Portsmouth

In Collaboration with Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art

Jim Goldberg, Everywhere You Look You See Yourself

Location Pending, Chesapeake

In Collaboration with Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art

Teens With A Purpose, *Untitled*

Location Pending, Norfolk

In Collaboration with Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art

Equal Justice Initiative, Presence of Justice

I-95 & Bellemeade Rd. Richmond

WASHINGTON

Wyatt Gallery, An Expensive Hoax

Martin Way E & Chehalis Western Trail, Olympia

WEST VIRGINIA

Sanford Biggers, Just Us

MacCorkle Ave SE & West Virginia Turnpike, Charleston

WISCONSIN

Gordon Parks, I Am You

Beltline Hwy & Marsh Rd, Madison

WYOMING

Paula Crown, *Thoughts & Prayers* Interstate 80 Service Rd & E Pershing Blvd, Cheyenne

FORTCOMING BILLBOARDS:

Aida Muluneh, The American Dream Alfredo Jaar. Teach Us **Anonymous**, This Is A Fork Bayeté Ross Smith, Untitled Carlos Motta. Untitled Cassils. Untitled Charlotte Woolf, Don't Tell Her Who To Be Community Design at Suny Purchase, Believe Me Community Design at Suny Purchase, Rights Gone Wrong **Deb Willis.** Reflections On Our Freedoms **Dread Scott**. Untitled Jon Santos. The End Of The World José Parlá, "Equality in Peace" Igualdad en Paz Karen Ishizuka. You Are Here Mariam Ghani, You say we are but dust... Michelle Angela Ortiz, Familias Separadas Mitch Epstein, Disobedience Steve Lambert, The NRA Loves You Wesaam Al Badry, We Didn't Want War Zoë Buckman. Jemima

For Freedoms is a collective for creative citizenship founded by Creative Capital artist **Eric Gottesman** and 2018 Guggenheim Fellow **Hank Willis Thomas**. It is a collaboration between artists, arts institutions, and active citizens who experiment with and produce new forms of civic action. It believes in—and advocates for—creativity as a civic right, participation as a civic duty, and deeper discourse as a catalyst of civic change. And it welcomes all.

For Freedoms started in 2016 as a platform for civic engagement, discourse, and direct action for artists in the United States. Inspired by Norman Rockwell's 1943 paintings of the four universal freedoms articulated by Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1941—freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear—For Freedoms seeks to use art to deepen public discussions of civic issues and core values, and to clarify that citizenship in American society is deepened by participation, not by ideology. For Freedoms is part of a rich history of artists employing means of mass communication to provoke political discourse. For Freedoms believes art, and artists, play an important role in galvanizing our society towards a more representative and transparent government.