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## **Over 100 Artists Create Protest Signs to Support the Families of Black Women Killed by the Police**

*Online exhibition and benefit auction titled “Show Me the Signs” launches on October 29, with 100% of proceeds supporting the African American Policy Forum’s Mothers Network in conjunction with the #SayHerName Campaign. The Committee Chair is Lauren Taschen.*



*Image caption (Clockwise from left to right): Glynise Thompson, The Night Has a Thousand Eyes, 2020; Mira Dancy, Eyes on Us // Say Her Name, 2020; Clintel Steed, Say Our Name, 2020; Nathaniel Mary Quinn, Breonna Taylor, 2020.  
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**October 29, 2020** – Over 100 artists have come together for the “Show Me the Signs” benefit auction and exhibition to 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 [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.

“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 benefit auction will be 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](#). Following a preview from October 29 to November 9, the auction will launch 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 will be on view from October 30 to November 14 at Blum & Poe in Los Angeles.

“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.”

“During this time of civil unrest due to the unjust killing of Breonna Taylor, I hope to see more people understand the Black diaspora and ask themselves how we can change for a better world,” said Kathia St. Hilaire, participating artist.

“Breonna Taylor, a human being, was murdered within the cascade of circumstances that fuels a particularly deep sense of sorrow,” said Nathaniel Mary Quinn, participating artist and member of the “Show Me the Signs” Benefit Committee. “In 2011, she was a student at the University of Kentucky; she cared for those in need as a health care provider. In the words of James Baldwin, ‘not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.’”

“Say her name – and keep the tragedies of these women at the forefront so that change is the result,” said Mr. Wash (Fulton Washington), participating artist. “Since the days of old, people have been praying to God to ‘show me a sign!’ We must keep the faith that justice will be delivered for these women. Always keep in mind that ‘faith without works is dead.’”

To learn more about “Show Me the Signs” and bid online, please visit [www.artfizz.com](http://www.artfizz.com).

## NOTES TO EDITORS

### **“Show Me the Signs” Online Auction**

[www.artfizz.com](http://www.artfizz.com)

Preview: October 29 – November 9, 2020

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

### **Benefit Committee**

Mathieu Bitton

Tim Blum

Kimberlé Crenshaw

James Fauntleroy

Dave Gross

Amanda Hunt

Christine Y. Kim

Margaret Lee

Bruno Mars

Shermena M. Nelson

Jeff Poe

Nathaniel Mary Quinn

Myriam Ben Salah

Ali Subotnick

Lauren Taschen

Benjamin Trigano

### **Participating Artists**

Lita Albuquerque

Charles Alston

Ivan Argote

Natalie Ball

Sharon Barnes

Dr. Hasshan Batts

April Bey

Louise Bonnet

Julien Boudet

Sarah Braman

Matthew Brandt

Andrea Marie Breiling

Olaf Breuning

Sheila Pree Bright

Haas Brothers

Delia Brown

Marcus Brutus

Nancy Buchanan

Zoë Buckman

Cardi B

Jim Carrey

Bhasha Chakrabarti

Phil Chang

Elisa Cohen

George Condo

Mario Correa

Mira Dancy

Tacita Dean

Benjamin Degen

Rafael Delacruz

Nick Doyle

Angela Dufresne

Sam Durant

Billie Eilish

Mia Enell

Stephanie Farr

Sarah Faux

Patricia Fernandez

Harrell Fletcher

Bea Fletcher

Ryan Foerster

Llyn Foulkes

Aaron Fowler

Eve Fowler

James Benjamin Franklin

Marley Freeman

Hope Gangloff

Lukas Geronimas

Mark Thomas Gibson

Nash Glynn

Piero Golia

Daniel Gordon

Idakatherine Graver

Logan Maxwell Hagege

Mathew Hale

Chase Hall

Camille Henrot

David Hockney

Julian Hoeber

Jessie Homer French

Pearl C. Hsiung

Jessica Jackson Hutchins

Mala Iqbal

Samuel Jablon	Jean-Baptiste Mondino	Bailey Scieszka
Carling Jackson	Dave Muller	Cauleen Smith
Ian James	Lavar Munroe	Kathia St. Hilaire
Rashid Johnson	Rebecca Ness	Clintel Steed
Haley Josephs	Kori Newkirk	Cole Sternberg
Kara Joslyn	Eamon Ore-Giron	Rob Thom
Stanya Kahn	Anderson Paak	Chanel C. Thomas
Marina Kappos	Alessandro Pessoli	Glenyse Thompson
Jarrett Key	Pat Phillips	Usher
Arghavan Khosravi	Kate Pincus-Whitney	Sara VanDerBeek
Forrest Kirk	Matthew Porter	Autumn Wallis
Lenny Kravitz	Nathaniel Mary Quinn	Zoe Walsh
Dapper Bruce Lafitte	Vincent Ramos	Christine Wang
Doron Langberg	Umar Rashid	Fulton Leroy Washington
Krystle Lemonias	Duke Riley	Emma Webster
Nathan Mabry	Elliott Jamal Robbins	Claudia Weill
Bruno Mars	Mariah Robertson	Austyn Weiner
Patrick Martinez	Nancy Rubins	Hannah Whitaker
Milo Matthieu	Riiko Sakkinen	Didier William
Sam Messer	Kenny Schachter	Chase Wilson
Marilyn Minter	Kenny Scharf	Saya Woolfalk
Meleko Mokgosi	Lara Schnitger	

### **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](http://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” will preview on October 29, 2020 and will be live for bidding on November 10, 2020 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.

[www.artfizz.com](http://www.artfizz.com)

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