

Cambridge Public Library Hosts Exhibit Celebrating the Spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. with Artists on the Autism Spectrum

CAMBRIDGE, MA, January 2— Beginning on January 7, The Cambridge Public Library will host an exhibit featuring Korean and American artists on the autism spectrum and their renditions of Martin Luther King Jr. according to their personal style and approach. "Visions of a Dream: Autistic Artists Interpret Martin Luther King Jr." is on view in the L2 hallway of the Main Library during scheduled programming and events from Sunday, January 7 through Saturday, January 20. On January 13, at 1 p.m., exhibit director Heyon Choi will present a lecture and workshop in the Main Library Community Room on exploring neurodiversity through artistic expression. <u>Registration is required for the lecture.</u>

Workshop participants will have a chance to learn about each artist's background, artistic style, and description of their MLK artwork as well as participate in creativity and diversity in art through a hands-on art making activity. The exhibition and workshop aim to unite the participants in the spirit of MLK, inspired by the exceptional artistic talents of individuals with developmental disabilities.

This project, inaugurated with MLK's vision of freedom and equality, will expand its participation and grow, according to Choi. "I am committed to sharing meaningful messages across our society through the talents of artists with developmental disabilities," says Choi. "I hope to see a world where people can celebrate and channel each other's differences to improve communities."

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