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**Blue Roof Studios Arts Festival: A Day of Encounters and Discovery**

**Saturday, June 23, 12:00 to 5:00pm**

May, 2018: Blue Roof Studios is pleased to announce the Blue Roof Studios Arts Festival, celebrating the summer solstice, will take place on Saturday, June 23 from 12pm to 5pm, at 7329 S Broadway. The festival highlights the richness and diversity of the arts in South Los Angeles and beyond, reflecting Blue Roof Studio's commitment to fostering and amplifying creativity, connection, and inclusion within the community.

Free and open to the public, the day offers contemporary street performance, traditional African master drummers, outdoor and indoor art installations, resident artists' open studios, art-making workshops, culinary arts, and a curated art bazaar exhibiting the works of local artists.

Blue Roof Studios and festival founder Galia Linn describes the vision of the festival, "In the current climate of increased tension and isolation, melting away the barriers is the duty of those who care. We come together and see each other in a joint celebration of art."

The art installations will include: RADIANT a group exhibition curated by **Leonardo Bravo / Big City Forum** celebrating how we honor the light, our connection to the earth, the sun, and to each other, featuring **Michelle Blade, Sam Comen, Megan Cotts, Rhiannon Griego, Rema Ghuloum and Lorenzo Hurtado Segovia**; an exhibit curated by **Bettina Hubby** from **Curatorial Hub**, an online gallery featuring a diverse selection of works under \$1,000 by well-known and emerging artists from Los Angeles and beyond; and **Kristine Schomaker** of **Shoebox PR** and **Art & Cake** will curate a show consisting of her community of artists. In addition Blue Roof Studios resident artists **Galia Linn, Diana Sanchez, Terri Klass, Jacqueline Palafox, Zemer Peled and Beverly Morrison**, will open their studios.

Interdisciplinary performer **Nehara Kalev** will perform her participatory piece, "The Longest Day." The performance features three rocking chairs and three people. The small, medium and large rockers are interconnected by elastic stretchies and painted in kaleidoscopic color.

Live music will be provided throughout the day by **Joaquin Romero /DJ Wordamouph** and **Aboubacar Kouyate** leading a participatory drum circle.

An **Art Makers Bazaar** will be curated by **Kaleidoscope Collective** featuring work by local and LA based artists and artisans. In addition, art workshops will be offered throughout

the day by [Barnsdall Arts; CAAM](#), and Blue Roof Studios resident [Beverly Morrison](#), who will lead a clay workshop.

[RootDown LA](#), a youth-run non-profit committed to bringing better food & nutrition education to neighborhoods in South L.A. will provide a free cooking demonstration to visitors and will offer a tasting of delicious foods prepared using vegetables grown in Root Down LA garden and cooked in Root Down LA own kitchen.

Additional food will be provided and sold by neighborhood businesses and community members as well as the greater LA area, representing the culinary culture of South LA.

#### About Blue Roof Studios

Founded in 2016 by artist Galia Linn, Blue Roof Studios is a new multidisciplinary art hub located in South Los Angeles that offers a place for artists to work in an environment that fosters creativity and community. We are dedicated to developing long-term relationships, opening doors to meaningful experiences in the arts, growing accessible programs such as free art workshops, screenings, artist talks, exhibitions, and festivals.

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For more information and a complete list of participants and schedule of events,

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