

Call for Artists: 2025 National Symposium for State and Local Reparations

FirstRepair's National Symposium for State and Local Reparations will take place in Evanston, IL on December 3-5, 2025. The Symposium is a transformative gathering dedicated to implementing local reparations. This landmark event brings together over 200 change makers from across the country to develop actionable strategies for advancing reparations. This year's theme, ***ACT! Acknowledge, Commit, Transform***, calls on individuals and institutions to recognize the enduring impact of systemic injustice, pledge actionable support for reparative justice, and drive transformative change for Black communities.

We're seeking powerful, visionary artists to be part of the very first ***Black Art Gallery*** on December 3 - 4, 2025. Join us in shaping this transformative space through creative expression that inspires, challenges, and leads.

The Submission Deadline is August 15, 2025.

If you have questions about the artist submission process, please contact our Symposium planning team, Stapled Events, at info@stapledevents.com.

* Indicates required question

1. Full Name *

2. Artistry or Business Name *

3. Contact Email *

4. Contact Phone Number *

5. Website or Social Media Handles *

6. Which dates would you like to exhibit on? *

Check all that apply.

- Wednesday, December 3
- Thursday, December 4
- Both Days

Artists Proposal

In this section we invite you to provide information about your artistry.

7. Can you briefly tell us about your artistic journey and what inspires your work? *

8. What themes or messages does your art typically explore? *

9. What items/art will you be providing? Please note that all items must fit in a 6ft x 6ft space. *

Set Up Information

In this section we invite you to provide information about your needs for the Black Art Gallery. **The gallery will be scheduled on Wednesday, December 3 and/or Thursday, December 4.**

10. Special Needs or Instructions for your Room *

Please let us know what is required for your set up. Please note that FirstRepair will only provide a 6ft Rectangle Table and Black Tablecloth, if requested. Any additional inventory items must be provided by the artist. The maximum space that will be provided is a 6ft x 6ft space.

Agreements

11. Artists are responsible for printing, shipping, setup and clean-up of all materials in the Black Art Gallery. *

Mark only one oval.

I agree

12. **Right to Record.** I understand that the Black Art Gallery will be recorded and made available to attendees and for display and download on the FirstRepair website. By accepting an invitation to display my art, I grant the right for FirstRepair to record and reproduce information for wider distribution. FirstRepair may in its discretion, duplicate and/or edit each recorded session. Artists hereby grants FirstRepair and its assigns the non-exclusive right to make, sell or otherwise distribute copies of the recording in mp3, mp4, or other appropriate electronic format, and in written transcript form, and to use my name and likeness in connection with such copies. The Gallery may be podcast, viewed and/or downloaded worldwide, via the web. FirstRepair shall have no obligation to pay royalties or other compensation to Artists in connection with recording, duplication, display, showing, broadcasting (internet or otherwise), sale, distribution, sub-licensing, or any other use of the recording as set forth in the Policy. FirstRepair and its assigns shall be permitted to display/show the recording or parts thereof at all times. *

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Thank you for Your Proposal!

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