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ART and Poetry Combine in D. Colin’s Sacred Space Installation on the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail

Exhibition Dates: March 4 - April 27, 2023
Public Reception: Saturday, April 15, 1-3pm
Location: miniMoCA518, Corner of Hudson Avenue and Adams Street, Delmar, NY 12054

Delmar, NY—Celebrated local poet, visual artist, and performer D. Colin will open the 2023 series of exhibitions at miniMoCA518, the unique, miniature art gallery sited along the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail. On view from March 4 through April 27, Colin’s installation Sacred Space will explore the longing to inhabit a place that feels personally authentic and truly one’s own. “What would a room look like that would center me?” asks Colin. The artist will also curate a special selection of books at the little free library located near miniMoCA518; a bookmark designed by the artist will be included inside each. On Saturday, April 15, from 1-3pm, a public reception will feature Colin reading a selection of her poems.

Established by the Art on the Rail Trail (ART) committee in the fall of 2022, miniMoCA518 is a small-scale architectural delight at the intersection of Hudson Avenue and Adams Street sited on the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail. The gallery is home to a changing program of exhibitions that feature regional artists from a range of disciplines. In 2023, five artists have been invited to develop new works for the gallery. The public will have the opportunity to meet the artists and celebrate their work during receptions for each exhibition.

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy Executive Director Mark King said, “The Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail has become a destination for Albany County residents to enjoy both the beauty of nature and the vibrancy of neighborhoods along this nine-mile path. Works of public art - like those presented in miniMoCA518 - are evidence of this area’s dynamic creative culture and serve as new and exciting elements for visitors to encounter on the trail.”
ART expresses sincere gratitude to exhibition sponsor I Love Books, gallery sponsor McSherry & Associates, and Grassroot Givers, which donates books to little free libraries.

About the artist

D Colin is a multidisciplinary artist of Haitian descent. Her work has appeared in Trolley, Ink & Nebula, Jaded Ibis Press, and Porter Gulch Review. She is the author of Dreaming in Kreyol and Said the Swing to the Hoop. She has been featured on PBS, Write About Now, NPR, and has performed throughout the United States and internationally. Colin has navigated the stage as an actor performing in productions with Black Theater Troupe of Upstate NY and Creative Action Unlimited. Her one woman show Simone appeared at Capital Rep Theater and she has spent years performing reenactments most often as Sojourner Truth. As an emerging artist, she has shown art at the Underground Railroad Education Center, Albany Center Gallery, and the Arts Center of the Capital Region. With an educational background in English and Africana Studies, her work, no matter the medium, discusses the human condition, aims to create visibility and uses history and activism as its foundation. She is the 2022 Excellence in Arts & Letters Award recipient for UAlbany's Alumni Association. She is also a Cave Canem, VONA, and New York State Writers Institute fellow. She currently sits on the board for The Sanctuary for Independent Media, Black Dimensions in Art, and is a founding member of the Social Justice Artist Collective.

About ART

ART is a volunteer committee of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy whose mission is to support and improve the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail by introducing works of art and hosting related community events. These unique art installations encourage local and regional visitors of varying ages and physical abilities to enjoy this amenity, both increasing the diversity of trail users and benefiting the local economy. Learn more about ART at www.mohawkhudson.org/art.

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In addition to this press release, please find the attached image of D. Colin.