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WHAT: Recovered: Voices and Brushes of Solidarity, Part II. Second online storytelling concert and art auction for 2021 Haiti Earthquake relief

WHY: To raise funds for grassroots organizations in remote areas of Haiti

WHO: Haitian Artist Assembly of Massachusetts with storytellers and spoken word artists: Co-host Ella Turenne, California, Callise Alexandra, UK, Charlot Lucien, Haiti, Michael Anderson, MA, Cheryl Hamilton, MA, Arnie Danielson, MA, Sharon Kennedy MA, Gail Herman, MA and Emcee/Storyteller, Norah Dooley, MA

WHEN: Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 4:00 to 5:30PM WHERE: Zoom Meeting ID:84424313104 Passcode: 972316

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On August 14, 2021 a devastating earthquake shook Haiti. It killed more than 2,300 people. Many homes and businesses are irreparable. People are suffering and day to day survival is fraught with uncertainty. With over 140,000 houses, schools, churches and businesses destroyed or severely damaged some 900,000 people are unhoused, living under tents, tarps or in precarious conditions. People in Haiti must start once again rebuilding what they lost for a second time in eleven years. We can help them recover!

"I can tell you that these events go a long way in leveraging the power of the arts to improve people's lives. And, they demonstrate to the people of Haiti our sense of shared humanity and the solidarity of New England artists. This is as important as the donations collected."- **Charlot Lucien**

Visual artists and storytellers have taken their shared love of storytelling and painting and woven all together to create this online fundraiser for the people of Haiti. The New England area artist's from the Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts have again donated original artworks to be auctioned off [see images below]. And an international and national roster of storytellers and spoken word artists have come together to perform on the theme Recovered.

"For some of us performers, Haitian stories and storytelling have enriched our traditional repertoire for decades. It is fitting that we repay a small part of our debt in the medium of story. Our contemporary storytellers and spoken word artists join us in direct, heartfelt, human solidarity with the people of Haiti" - Andrea Lovett and Norah Dooley producers/storytellers

Join us on Sunday! Enjoy the stories. Savor and bid on the visual art! If you are not able to attend, please spread the word! And donations can be made here, any time: http://mhrtaskforce.wixsite.com/my-site/support-us

""As a partner of the Massachusetts Haitian Relief Task Force I am grateful to members of HAAM and to longtime friends of Haiti, my fellow New England storytellers! " - Charlot Lucien

A poster and a few of the featured paintings and a poster are below. Hi-resolution images available on request.



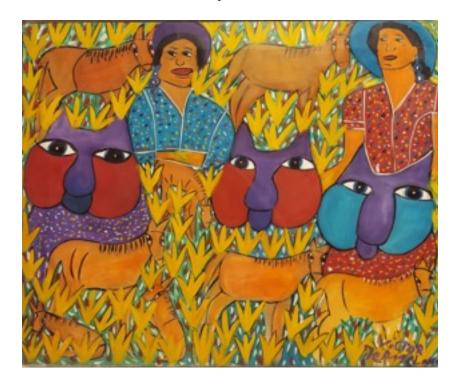
Artist: Cabe Henry, Jacmel Mountains, 40"X 22" Acrylic on canvas



Artist: Charlot Lucien, Oath To Freedom, 18" X 22" Giclé on canvas



Artist: Frantz Delva, Marine, 18" X 22" Acrylic on canvas



Artist: Jean-Claude Victor, Harmony in the Flowers Field, 21"x 25" Oil on canvas



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Spoken Word artists and Storytellers (Brief bios of available on request)

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Callise Alexandra, London, UK

Charlot Lucien, Haiti,

Michael Anderson, MA

Cheryl Hamilton,MA

Arnie Danielson, MA

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