



## **THIS PLACE HAS A VOICE**

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### **“This Place Has A Voice,” Identity, Location, Artists**

*This Place Has A Voice* is the juxtaposed visions of nearly two-dozen artists and the participation of local residents, workers and visitors exploring the history and people around Canal Park in near-Southeast DC. The dialogue between the artists' visions and the community voices, both past and present, produces photographs, videos, oral histories, drawings, installations and performances augmented by research from local historian Mara Cherkasky. *This Place Has A Voice* started as two independent six-month pilot phase experiments in public art: The Cube@Canal Park (October 2012) and the Capitol Hill Alphabet Animal Art Project (July 2013). Under the direction of Bruce McKaig, the two projects were united into a bundle of local activities, a union in part facilitated by support from the Humanities Council of DC (November 2013) to both conceptually and structurally unite the artistic and historic activities.

Participating artists include Dawn Whitmore, Kent Gay, Ira Tattleman, Chaya Shapiro, Janelle Fernandez, Aaron Goggans, Ward Tietz, Magus Magnus, Jon Lee, Bruce McKaig, Charles Bergman, John Yanson, Undine Brod, Novie Trump, Breon Gilleran, Beth Baldwin, Davide Prete, Carolina Mayorga, Evan Reed, Susan Champeny, Adrienne Penebre, Billy Friebele, Gowri Koneswaran, Tony Mancus, Mark McMorris, Casey Smith, Jenn Ferguson, Ryan Biller.

Event Day, Saturday, September 20, 2104: a presentation on the history of the neighborhood by local historian Mara Cherkasky, a guided tour of the area by historian and tour guide Robert Pohl, and interactive performance/installation works in Canal Park in the early evening followed by a final round of A/V projections until midnight. Event Day is sponsored by the Canal Park Development Association, with additional hosting by the Arthur Capper Senior Center.

Pilot projects:

### **Cube@Canal Park**

Historical and contemporary photographs, videos, oral histories, performances, installations and drawings projected on a 20 x 20 foot cube at the south end of Canal Park. *Funded in part by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, administered by the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop*

### **Capitol Hill Alphabet Animal Art Project**

A public art project commissioned ten artists to produce sculptures that are permanently installed on selected street signs in the Southeast quadrant of DC. A street map of the installations is available on the project website. *Funded by the DC Department of Transportation, administered by the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop.*