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ARTSXCHANGE ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF INAUGURAL EBON DOOLEY ARTS & JUSTICE AWARDS

Awards to Honor Artist and Activist Champions with Festive Night

EAST POINT, GA (August 27, 2018) — The ArtsXchange is excited to present **REVIVAL!**, September 22, at the historic Chosewood Ballroom. The cornerstone of this evening of celebration, music, art, and dancing is the inaugural Ebon Dooley Arts & Justice Awards, named after the ArtsXchange's founder, which will highlight four artists and activists using their respective platforms to advance access and justice for their communities and beyond.

The four awardees and their categories are:

Bridge Builder - Bobbie Paul
Change Maker - shelia turner and Sistagraphy
Social Justice Champion - Dianne Mathiowetz
Emerging Leader - Tasnim Mosabber

As a theatre artist and bridge builder, **Bobbie Paul** has always added her artistic touch to the causes and events that she supports. As Executive Director of WAND (Women's Action for New Directions), Paul grew the organization to become Georgia WAND and defined its three areas of concentration across the state: Peace in Action, Environmental Justice, and Empowering People to Act Politically. We celebrate Bobbie's ability to build bridges between diverse communities across the state and drew attention to environmental impacts on communities located near nuclear facilities in and near Georgia.

When **shelia turner** recognized the relevance and importance of documenting the culture of her community and how it impacted the African American experience, she wanted to make sure history and the photographic art community did not overlook the legacy of African American Women photographers. **shelia turner, who passed away this year, and Sistagraphy** encourage lifelong learning and promotion of the photographic arts through interpretive theme-based exhibitions, educational programs, and community outreach.

Tasnim Mosabber is an artist who has demonstrated a history of using her platform to amplify issues and bring visibility to communities striving for justice. From high school through college and beyond, Tasnim has directed her art to inspire uplift. Tasnim is currently the Outreach Coordinator for Raksha, Inc, an organization that works with South Asian survivors of domestic, sexual and other violent crimes. Her Goddess Collection inspires and evokes the power and nobility that is carried within every woman.

Dianne Mathiowetz has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to lending her voice and energy to organizing for social change. We salute her work as a partner in the coalition of artists and activists known as *50 Artists/50 Shots* that hosted several public events focusing on police killings and political prisoners. In addition, we recognize her work as Vice President of the Board of Directors of WRFG 89.3FM, and support for workers' demands for living wages, healthcare and other benefits.

We are joined in celebrating these community champions by the Honorary Hosts for the Ebon Dooley Arts & Justice Awards, including former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, Activist Attorney Mawuli Davis, Reverend Dr. C. T. Vivian, Fulton County Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr., author/playwright Pearl Cleage, and members of Ebon Dooley's family.

REVIVAL! has particular meaning as the ArtsXchange is poised to reemerge this Fall with a new facility in East Point to continue the work it began 35 years ago at the old Grant Park location.

"The work of those who toil in the shadows to bring about substantive change for the better, often goes unnoticed and unrewarded." says Alice Lovelace, Board Chair and longtime friend of Ebon Dooley. "**REVIVAL!** will be an opportunity to showcase those individuals and organizations that use culture, the arts, and creativity to tackle issues that are barriers to a just society and a world free from racial and religious discrimination and exploitation."

Visit artsxchange.org for more information on **REVIVAL!** tickets, sponsorship and volunteering. Reach us at by phone at 404-624-4211.

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