

## ROOT DIVISION PRESENTS

### We Are Home: Visions & Voices of the Tenderloin Community Quilt



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**Exhibition Dates:** Nov 9 - 29, 2023

**Gallery Hours:** Wednesday–Saturday 2–6 pm

**Community reception:** Nov 9, 2023 3–5 pm

**2nd Saturday Reception:** Nov 11, 2023 | 4–6 pm

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Root Division presents ***We Are Home: Visions & Voices of the Tenderloin Community Quilt***, facilitated and co-curated by Mattie Loyce of Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing (DISH) and Mary Hogue of Mission Praxis, featuring art by over 70 artists and participants across the Tenderloin neighborhood.

*We Are Home: Visions and Voices of the Tenderloin Community Quilt* is an exhibition presenting the work of the Tenderloin Community Quilt project. Beginning in the Fall of 2022 the project engaged the extended Tenderloin through collective quilt-making workshops to express the significance and meaning of ‘home’. The exhibition is the culmination of one year of work, featuring a film of interviews with resident artists, archival print content from the SFPL Tenderloin Archive, and the large-scale collaborative quilts created through its workshops.

In the face of the pandemic, overdose epidemic, and housing crisis that disproportionately affect the Tenderloin neighborhood, the Tenderloin Community Quilt focuses on amplifying the voices of people who have the lived experience of homelessness, and those that care for, or live and work in community with unhoused neighbors. Extending the collaboration and contributions of the project throughout the Tenderloin community, Mattie Loyce hosted workshops at the nine DISH sites and throughout the Tenderloin with Hospitality House, The Healing Well, The Tenderloin Museum, Skywatchers, Faithful Fools, and CounterPulse. With support from Mary Hogue of Mission Praxis, the quilt squares will be joined into a series of large-scale community quilts and exhibited for the first time at Root Division this November.

Alongside this exhibition will be the following programming:

**Wednesday, October 25, 6-8 pm:** [What Does it Mean to Create Home?](#) - panel discussion hosted by Mattie Loyce at San Francisco Public Library, Civic Center Branch (free and open to the public)

**Thursday, November 9, 2023 3-5pm:** Public community reception for resident artists, Root Division (free and open to the public).

**Saturday, November 11, 4-6 pm:** 2nd Saturday reception, Root Division (free and open to the public)

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 6-7:30 pm:** [Radical Histories of Housing and Community Care](#) - panel discussion hosted by Mattie Loyce at San Francisco Public Library, Civic Center Branch (free and open to the public)

The 2nd Saturday reception will feature a performance by Tenderloin resident based performance group [Skywatchers](#), and will overlap with visiting Root Division's artist spaces as part of [ArtSpan Open Studios](#).

Register for our Community reception [here](#).

Register for our 2nd Saturday reception [here](#).

## EXHIBITING ARTISTS

*by first name only*

Aarav P.	Cesar	Gabe	Keisha	Moe	Sherri L.
Adriana	Chandra	Gabrielle C.	Ken	Ms. Janet	SHJ
Ahmed	Chano	Garlan	Kristi	Ms. Lynda	Sirah
Alex	Charles	Gerardo	Krystle	Naomi	Spencina
Alex S.	Charles W.	Hank	Lani	Nazelah J.	Squirrel
Andre	Christian	Hazel R.	Lashawn	Neke	Star
Angel Eyes	Claire	Helen G.	Laura and Grandson	Nene B.	Sundiata aka
Angela S.	Coco	Ibrahim	Lauren S.	Noelle C.	Sunny
Angelina	Cricket	Inary	Laurie	Ocean	Tammie B
Angelina W.	Cynthia	Isabella K.	Leslie	Olivia	Taquwa
Anne-Marie	Damien	Ivan	Lewis B.	Oscar	Tasunna
Anthony J.	David	Ivy Rose	Liam F.	Otis	Theresa
Antoine	David James Crenshaw	Iyari	Lord Fredrick	Peter	Theresa M.
Anyia	Dee	Jai	Lotus	Race	TNDC
Ashley	Deje	Javier	Marcela	Ralph	Tomas
Babaji Puri	Denise	Jeremy	Martin	Regi	Trice
Barbara	Dennis M.	Jimmy	Mary	Rich	Tricia
Barry	Egur	Joel Y.	Mattie	Rodney	Trujillo
Benito	Elaine	John	Maya	Roger	Vincent
Betty	Eli	John H.	Megan	Ruben	Wanda
Betty T.	Elizabeth	Johnny B.	Michael	Sam	Winnie
Blue	Euselyn	Joseph	Miguel T.	SBL	X.D.
Boo	Felicia	Joseph S.	Mike	Shakiri	Yunus
Brian B.	Felix	Josue	Mili	Shavonne A	Zen
Calvin	Fidel	Josue G.	Miriama	Shay	Zoe
CAP Art Studio	Francisco	Katie	Misty	Sheeka A.	

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#### **ABOUT ROOT DIVISION**

Root Division is a visual arts non-profit in San Francisco that connects creativity and community through a dynamic ecosystem of arts education, exhibitions, and studios. Root Division's mission is to empower artists, foster community service, inspire youth, and enrich the Bay Area through engagement in the visual arts. The organization is a launching pad for artists, a stepping-stone for educators and students, and a bridge for the general public to become involved in the arts.

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