



Public Call for Art *"Breathing Free Together"* By San Ramon Social Justice Collective

Introduction and Vision

San Ramon Social Justice Collective (SRSJC) is a volunteer group that has grown out of a desire to continue the momentum for change inspired by the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement. SRSJC will work to create projects to help meet the needs not being met and voices not being heard which inspired hundreds of San Ramon Valley residents to march beside BLM organizers in June of 2020.

The [BlackLivesMatter FB Page](#) explains it is a forum to "build connections between Black people and our allies to fight anti-Black racism, to spark dialogue amongst Black people, and to facilitate the types of connections necessary to encourage social action and engagement." As allies, we join in this spirit with which the Community Art Project, "Breathing Free Together," was created. It is to provide a grassroots platform to our entire community to continue the dialogue begun by the BLM movement.

We stand as allies with the Black community, including Black community members who are LGBTQ+. This project's theme of "Breathing Free Together" is meant to encompass racial equity, harmony, healing, and justice in the San Ramon Valley through engagement by all members of the SRV Community with the artwork as described below under Community Art Exhibit Theme.

Public Art Exhibit Details

All San Ramon Valley community members are invited to submit artwork! There will be a separate category for children under 13 years. This Public Art Exhibit will consist of ten vinyl banners. Each banner will measure approximately 4' x 2.5'. An Art Selection Committee made up of representatives from the Project's Stakeholders will select artwork in two categories.

- Six banners will contain artwork chosen by the Art Selection Committee and either hand painted or digitally printed from artwork submissions. These banners will be the heart of the public art exhibit, representing the voice of the community.
- Four banners will include a combination of artwork chosen by the Art Selection Committee alongside informative material on the theme of "Breathing Free Together."
- Banners containing original paintings will be reserved for display in secure locations and special occasions such as the Project's Inauguration Day celebration. Digitally printed copies of those banners will be substituted for outdoor, public locations.

The Public Art Exhibit will also be accompanied by quick response (QR) codes with prompts for community engagement via social media. This Public Art Exhibit will travel to locations the San Ramon Valley, including selected sites in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Community Art Exhibit Theme: "Breathing Free Together"

Artwork must fall within this theme which connects with the heart of the Black Lives Matter movement. Breathing is the most basic act of life which unites us all. Every being on earth is connected by the single act of breathing. The current pandemic also unmasked the inherent racial inequities in our systems, tying our basic survival to our individual ability to access resources and safety. The theme of "Breathing Free Together" invites us all to come together in unity to embrace racial equity, harmony, healing, and justice.

Eligibility:

- ALL members of the San Ramon Valley community are welcome to submit artwork for this project.
- Parental consent is required for anyone under 18 years of age making a submission.
- Families and groups are welcome to collaborate on pieces following County Health Guidelines for group gatherings. These submissions will fall under the category of the oldest member of the submitting group.

Submission Guidelines:

- Artwork must fall within the theme of "Breathing Free Together."
- All forms of visual artwork submissions are welcome, including paintings, drawings, photographs, and digitally created graphic art pieces.
- All artwork (hand painted or computer generated) should be created on paper sized approximately 12 inches X 17 inches. This will help scale artworks onto vinyl banners, if selected.
- Artwork may be on any type of paper, and may be horizontal or vertical.
- Artists 13 yrs and older may choose to hand-paint a copy of their artwork in acrylic onto vinyl banners, should their artwork be selected. Please submit hand-painted artwork, should you be interested in this option. Computer-generated submissions will only be considered for digital re-printing onto vinyl banners, if selected.
- Only original designs will be accepted, and in no way should they recreate or represent other published or copyrighted materials.
- Children of all ages will view this exhibit. This mobile art exhibit will travel to different public locations, including our local schools. Therefore, submissions including hate speech, profanity, or graphic depictions of violence will be excluded from public and online displays. Also, logos or advertising of any kind are not permitted. SRSJC reserves the right to exclude submissions not meeting these requirements.
- **All submissions are due by March 7th at 5:00pm.**

Submission Instructions:

- Complete an [Art Submission Form](#), which includes an Artist(s)' Statement of no more than 100 words describing how your work expresses the theme "Breathing Free Together."
- Online submissions are welcome and encouraged! Take a picture of your Artwork and send it along with the Art Submission Form, the social media waiver form, and the parental consent form (if under 18 years), via email to submissions@srsjc.org.
- Artwork may be submitted in JPEG, JPG, and PNG file formats. Include the full name(s) of the artist(s) and the title of the work in the file name. (example: MonaGosh_Harmony).

- We will make reasonable efforts to support alternate arrangements for drop off/pick up of artwork if online submission can not be completed. You can call (925) 272-9178.
- After submitting online, please preserve your original Artwork. It will be required should your submission be selected.

Final Art Selections and Submission Celebrations

- Artwork pieces to be reproduced onto banners will be chosen by an Art Selection Committee which will consist of representatives from each of the Project's Stakeholders.
- Art submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - 60 points - Interpretation of the theme/Artist Statement (from Submission Form)
 - 30 points - Technique/Skill
 - 30 points - Creativity
- SRSJC reserves the right to use parts of artwork submitted, or combine artwork with other pieces to create a new piece of artwork.
- A total of 10 vinyl banners will be created using submitted artworks.
- Should the number of submissions allow, two vinyl banners will be created based on artwork exclusively from submissions by children under the age of 13 years. This artwork will be printed from high-resolution, digital images.
 - Artists 13 yrs and older, submitting original hand painted artwork, may choose to hand-paint their artwork in acrylic onto banners, should their submission be selected. Art materials will be supplied by SRSJC. The Project Art Coordinator will provide support as needed throughout this process. Upon selection, these artists will need to sign an agreement committing to completing their piece between the last week of May and the second week of June. They will work closely with the Art Coordinator to complete this task.
 - All other selected artwork will be printed onto vinyl banners, using high resolution, digital images.
- The completed banners and artwork either painted or printed thereon will be the property of the San Ramon Justice Collective to be reproduced and used at will. However, the artist retains copyrights to their original artwork to reproduce and use in the future as they wish.
- All submissions meeting the project's guidelines will be celebrated and acknowledged on SRSJC social media, with the permission of artists.

Questions: We are here to support you! If you have any questions about the submission guidelines, or if you need technical assistance or materials in order to participate, please email us at submissions@srsjc.org.

Project Stakeholders:

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| □ San Ramon Social Justice Collective | □ DVC Social Justice Program |
| □ San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs | □ Inner Eye Arts |
| □ San Ramon Valley Diversity Coalition | □ PFLAG Danville-San Ramon Valley |
| □ San Ramon Valley Unified School District | □ Rewire Community |
| □ SRVUMC - Dialogue for Change Committee | □ Youth Advocates for Change |
| □ Diablo Black Mens Group | |