

Charlotte Street's 25th Anniversary Community Block Party

Kansas City, MO, June 15, 2022: Charlotte Street is producing a free community block party to celebrate our 25th Anniversary on Saturday July 16th from 1PM to 5PM at the Charlotte Street Campus located at 3333 Wyoming Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. Guests will enjoy campus-wide family-friendly activities, giveaways, interactive art experiences, and ice cream.



The third installation of 25, the Charlotte Street Fellow Anniversary exhibit will also premiere at this event, featuring community engaged public works from Adriane Herman (2000), Kati Toivanen (2001), and Jillian Youngbird (2018), a new mural work from Stephen Proski (2017), and music from Eddie Moore (2016), Jeff Harshbarger (2015), and Marcus Lewis (2018).

Emotional Value Auction in the Kemper Library

Capitalizing on the power of witnessing to release blocks and facilitate letting go, an *Emotional Value Auction* is a participatory witnessed exchange grounded in reciprocity. For the Charlotte Street Block Party, objects will be collected and displayed by Experience Broker and 2000 Charlotte Street Award winner, Adriane Herman - along with written statements from the objects' owners about how they came to own the item and why it is time to let go. No money changes hands; written statements of interest from viewers replace financial bids, foregrounding other metrics of value. Authentic written expression and shared vulnerability are rewarded, and are rewards in themselves.



Adriane Herman, non-monetized *Emotional Value Auction*, 2021. Colby College Museum of Art in Waterville, Maine. Photo by Benjamin Wheeler.

Each object's owner chooses from among the written "bids" the person upon whom to bestow their item, if they are moved to do so. To release something through this non-monetized event, contact the artist at emotionalvalueauction@gmail.com ASAP. Objects can be delivered to the Charlotte Street welcome desk 12 PM-5 PM Tues-Sat until July 10th, or later by arrangement, and should be accompanied by a photo of the item as well as a written statement about what the item is, how you came to have it, why it is time to let go and anything else you wish to share about it. This statement can be as long or short as you wish. (Releasers don't have to be present during the Auction.)

Schedule of Block Party Activities

- 1PM to 4PM Emotional Value Auction
- 1PM to 3PM **Free** Face Painting
- 3PM to 5PM Performances by Eddie Moore, Jeff Harsbarger, and Marcus Lewis
- 1PM to 5PM Native Plant Seed Stations
- Campus Tours
- Indoor and Outdoor Art Exhibits
- Scraps KC Art Lab activity
- Community Art Project
- Free** Betty Rae's Ice Cream
- KCPublic Soapbox project

Community Block Party

Saturday July 16th from 1PM to 5PM

Free

Charlotte Street Campus

3333 Wyoming Street

Kansas City, MO, 64111



Kati Toivanen, *The Impossible Puzzle*, 2022

ABOUT 25

25 artists who have received the Charlotte Street Visual Artist or Performing Artist Fellowship over the years have been invited to present a series of installations and performances at the Charlotte Street campus that will accumulate incrementally throughout 2022. These installations will appear in the intermittent spaces of the Charlotte Street Campus (lobby, courtyard, library, workshop) and will run concurrently with exhibitions in the Charlotte Street Gallery and programming in the Stern Theater. Installations will remain on view through the end of 2022.

The third installation, on July 16th, will open in tandem with Charlotte Street's 25th Anniversary Block, and will feature community engaged public works from **Adriane Herman** (2000), **Kati Toivanen** (2001), and **Jillian Youngbird** (2018), a new mural work from **Stephen Proski** (2017), and music from **Eddie Moore** (2016), **Jeff Harshbarger** (2015), and **Marcus Lewis** (2018).

ABOUT MDW DRIFTS

MdW (pronounced "Midway") is an artist-run Assembly co-designed by seven organizing partners in the central Midwest, including Charlotte Street! We'll be working to share Missouri-based projects with our neighboring states and build regional connections amongst artist-run projects.

Apart of MDW will be the *Drifts* which are field trips for our neighboring partners and cities to come to Kansas City. The Missouri drift will correspond to the Charlotte Street's community block party.

To learn more about MDW and the *Drifts*, please visit mdwfair.com

ABOUT CHARLOTTE STREET

Charlotte Street centers Kansas City's most forward-thinking visual artists, writers, and performers—acting as the primary incubator, provocateur, and connector for the region's contemporary arts community, and its leading advocate on the national stage. Since 1997, Charlotte Street has distributed over \$2 million in awards and grants to artists and their innovative projects, and connected individual artists to each other and to the greater Kansas City community. For more information about Charlotte Street, its awards, programs, and initiatives, visit www.charlottestreet.org.

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