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MEDIA ALERT

Three prominent St. Louis activists speak on grassroots efforts for change

June 23, 2021 (St. Louis, MO) - The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM) presents three leading St. Louis activists for a panel discussion on such topics as communal care, harm reduction, and resistance to state oppression. The three speakers—Sharon Morrow, Dr. LJ Punch, and Kayla Reed—will share their experiences and insights, and invite others to join them in the pursuit of justice and equity in St. Louis. The program RE: The Work of Resistance coincides with the museum-wide exhibition Stories of Resistance, which remains on view at CAM through August 15, 2021.

About the panelists



Sharon Morrow has long been active with Street Kitchen Community Outreach and is also a founder of Tent Mission STL, which has been reinventing street outreach during the coronavirus pandemic. Photo by Theo Welling, courtesy St. Louis Public Radio.



Dr. LJ Punch is a critical care surgeon, an associate professor of surgery and a scholar within the Institute for Public Health at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and the founder of The T, a health education and resource center. Photo courtesy The T.



Kayla Reed is a Black queer organizer, strategist, and cofounder/director of Action St. Louis, a grassroots organization, working to build Black political power in St. Louis. Courtesy photo, collage by Monica Duwel.

What: RE: The Work of Resistance

Who: St. Louis activists Sharon Morrow, Dr. LJ Punch, and Kayla Reed, with moderator Miriam Ruiz, CAM's School and Community Programs Manager

Where: This is a free, online program, register here

When: Thursday, July 1, 4:00-5:30 pm

About the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis works to enrich lives and inspire curiosity, creativity, and learning through experiences with contemporary art. Focused on a dynamic array of changing exhibitions, the Museum reflects and contributes to the



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