

Aiming Higher Apuntando alto

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Story by Gregg McQueen

They're gaining ground.

An uptown group is giving a host of local artists a chance to connect and form social and professional alliances.

Known as the Higher Ground Festival, the group brings together Washington Heights and Inwood artists of all talents — dancers, musicians, writers, filmmakers, performance artists, even magicians — to network and create interdisciplinary collaborations that will be performed at the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA) Arts Stroll in June.

"Our goal is community building through art," said Higher Ground co-founder Temple Kemezis. "You have artists being artists, and artists being neighbors."

Higher Ground was founded in 2014 by Kemezis and partner Pablo Francisco Ruvalcaba, both professional dancers and Northern Manhattan residents.

"We were amazed at the number of artists living uptown," Ruvalcaba said. "Yet they often had to travel downtown to work. We wanted to give them a better way to work together in their own neighborhood."

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Higher Ground sponsors a series of local meet-and-greets, where artists can get to know each other and discover if creative ideas are sparked.

"You have artists from different disciplines, who would normally have no cause to work together, discovering how their talents can mix," said Kemezis.

Following the meetups, artists interested in working together can submit a formal project proposal to be reviewed by Higher Ground, which will select projects to assist with artistic advisory, a project stipend and donated workspace.

"We try to get artists a rehearsal space," Kemezis said. Area businesses such as Inwood Movement and Hudson Pilates have previously donated space for Higher Ground artists to use.

"It's our job to find them a space and make it work," said Kemezis.

Artist proposals for the Uptown Arts Stroll performance were submitted in February. Kemezis said that Higher Ground is in the process of choosing six collaborations for the public to see in June.

The collaborations will be performed at the Arts Stroll in June.

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Wednesday 03/16 30%

Chance of Rain

A few showers developing late. Lows overnight in the upper 40s.



Thursday 03/17 20%

Partly Cloudy

Partly cloudy skies. A stray shower

"These artist collaborations are a celebration of what Washington Heights and Inwood have become," Kemezis said.

"Collaboration is inherent in our neighborhood," added Ruvalcaba. "There is such a diversity of culture uptown that it's just natural to see people of different backgrounds working at ease together."

For more information on the Higher Ground Festival, go to www.creatinghigherground.com.

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Friday 03/18 40%

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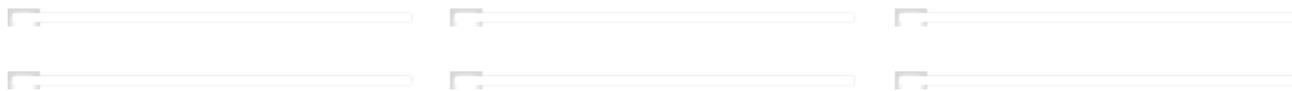
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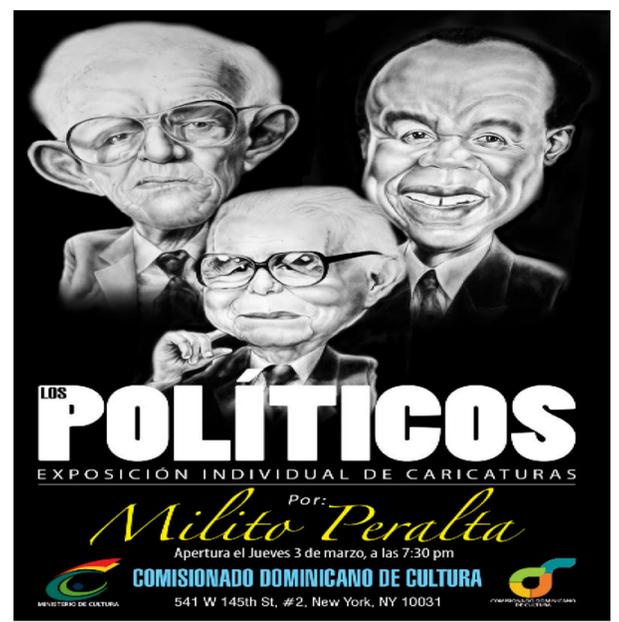
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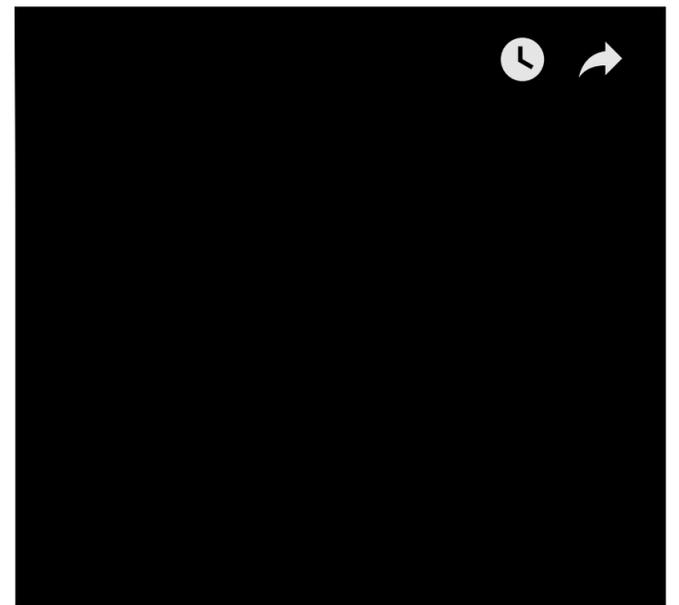
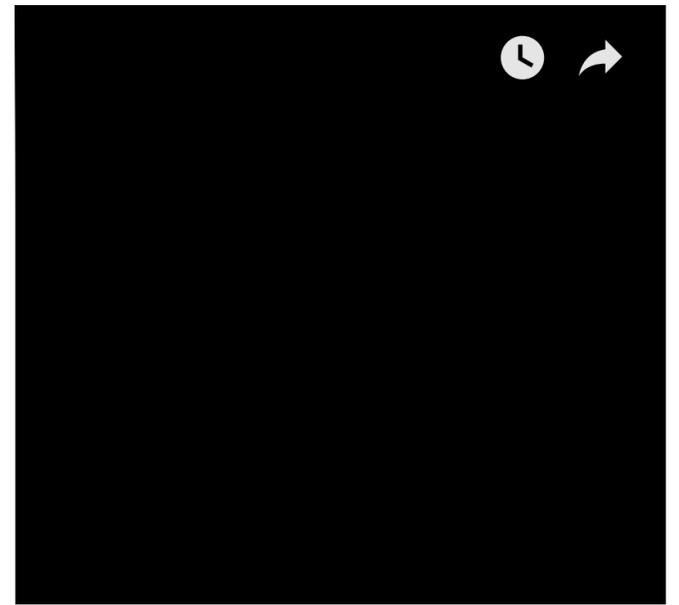


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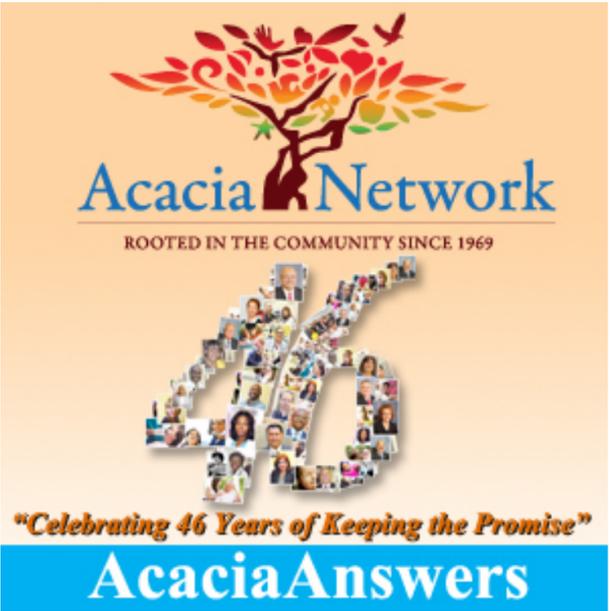
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