

THE CALL FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF ART TO STOP THE EXECUTION OF MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

“ Because we value the lives of the 1.75 million Black, Latino and other poor people locked down in the prisons of America. . .

Because we value justice and a society that promotes the full flowering of all its people. . .

Because we stand against the politics that try and suffocate and crush the human spirit. . .

Because of all this, we come together as artists to stop the execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

They have crossed the line. This is not justice. We do not consent to the murder of this man.

We will not accept the grossly unjust trial that sentenced Mumia to death because of his political beliefs as a former Black Panther. We will not stand by as they try to silence a journalist known to many as the “Voice of the Voiceless.”

Mumia 911—Emergency!

On September 11, 1999, we will stomp the earth, lift our voices, write, sing, act and paint the walls.

We will create a culture of resistance to stop the killing of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Mumia is you. Mumia is me. Mumia is all of us.

Join us now! ”

MUMIA 911

On September 11, 1999, there will be a national outpouring among artists on a scale sufficient to break through the sound barrier and make Mumia’s name a household word and his true story known across the land.

Imagine: Musicians holding concerts on the theme of stopping the execution of Mumia, or against the death penalty. Theatre companies devoting a piece to the Day— on a theme of resistance to the mean-spirited politics of our time. Art galleries presenting exhibits. We are reaching out to hip hop artists, musicians, painters, dancers, graffiti writers, poets, photographers, novelists and actors—along with record producers, gallery owners, concert promoters, book publishers, theatre directors and webmasters. Well-known artists will find ways to get news of the Day on national TV and radio, MTV, and in print. And all kinds of artists will participate in their own unique ways on the grassroots level.

As artists, we have decided to come together in this unprecedented way because we know if we don’t, there is a very real possibility the government will move to kill Mumia Abu-Jamal in the next year or two. If Mumia is executed, it will be the first execution of a political dissident since the Rosenbergs in the ‘50s.

Mumia’s case has come to concentrate a whole political atmosphere of blame and punishment aimed at society’s most oppressed: the criminalization of Black men, suppression of dissent, expanded death penalty, political persecution of revolutionaries and the gutting of defendants’ rights.

If we are able to stop this execution, imagine how exhilarating it will be for all the people who have come to feel that as long as Mumia is still alive the chance for justice in this country remains alive.

Artists can play a great role in this. It will require the creativity and efforts of many artists and arts organizations to realize this vision. We urge you to sign the Call and join in this project. Make your art count towards saving the life of a man whose case is coming to represent a benchmark of social injustice in the U.S.

If you are an artist plan to create art for the Day—contact us or people in your town to get hooked up. If you are an arts presenter, plan an event.

There is something for everyone to do.

- A major festival/concert, “**Artspeaks**”, will happen in L.A. on Sep. 11 featuring Ozomatli, Medusa, Digital Underground and many spoken word and graffiti artists.
- An evening of one-act plays and readings will take place at the **Public Theater** in NYC on Sep. 11 featuring new works by Danny Hoch, Naomi Wallace, Culture Clash, Keith Antar Mason and readings by Sonia Sanchez, Ossie Davis, Martin Espada and others TBA.
- **Spoken word events** are planned for New York City, LA and many other cities.
- A **hip hop posse track** called “Mumia 911” featuring Zack de la Rocha from Rage Against the Machine, Chuck D, Dead Prez, Last Emperor, Black Thought from The Roots and many more artists will be released on July 26.
- A **hip hop show** featuring Dead Prez, EPMD, Black Star, Jeru the Damaja and many other artists is planned for NYC (venue TBA) and several clubs in NYC will hold Mumia 911 events.
- **Art exhibitions** are scheduled for 9 galleries in NYC and several spaces in LA featuring nationally known artists including Carrie Mae Weems, Fred Wilson, Bill Viola, Leon Golub, Ida Applebroog, Betye Saar, Laurie Anderson, Beth B and many more.

I want to be part of MUMIA 911. ADD MY NAME TO THE CALL (ABOVE)

NAME	SIGNATURE	DESCRIPTION-- 2 OR 3 WORDS
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE	FAX	EMAIL

I am interested in making art and/or organizing an event for the Day. I work in the field of: _____

I can contact other artists and art organizations about the day. Please send me an information/organizing packet on Mumia and the Day of Art. I enclose \$5 to cover costs.

I enclose a contribution to make the Day possible:
 \$1,000 \$500 \$100 \$25 Other _____

Make Checks Payable to: “Mumia 911”.
 (Checks over \$100 are tax-deductible. Please make payable to “Communipod”, earmarked for MUMIA 911.)

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OR LOS ANGELES
 c/o Artists Network
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 Los Angeles CA 90028
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 www.mumia911.org
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 mumia911@mumia911.org

**To contribute to
 Mumia’s defense fund:
 Please send checks made out to
 “Black United Fund/MAF” & mail to:
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 To contact Int’l Friends & Family
 of Mumia Abu-Jamal, call:
 215-476-8812

MUMIA 911

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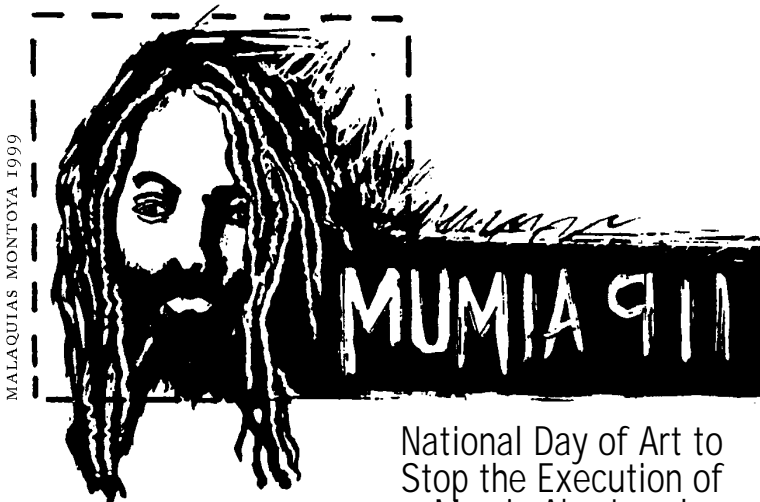
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The Devils Advocates BAND
Dilated Peoples HIPHOPARTISTS
Divine Styler HIPHOPARTIST
Dread Scott VISUALARTIST
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Medusa HIPHOPARTIST
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THAT SUBLIMINALKID
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Leon Mobley MUSICIAN
Pharoahe Monch HIPHOPARTIST
Malaquias Montoya VISUALARTIST
Richard Montoya CULTURECLASH
Jessica Care Moore POET
Margaret Morton VISUALARTIST

Mos Def HIPHOPARTIST
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MuMs POET
Mutabaruka REGGAEARTIST
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Alix Olson POET
John Outterbridge VISUALARTIST
Ozomatli BAND
Sheldon Patinkin THEATERDIRECTOR
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Jerry Quickley POET/PLAYWRIGHT
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Voodoo Glow Skulls BAND
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Dave Wakeling MUSICIAN
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Victor Walker PLAYWRIGHT
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ARTISTS
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Bernie Worrell MUSICIAN
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Zephyr VISUALARTIST
and many more...
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National Day of Art to
Stop the Execution of
Mumia Abu-Jamal
9.11.99

WE CALL ON ARTISTS

to join together across the country on
September 11, 1999 to participate in a
National Day of Art to Stop the Execution
of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

ON THIS DAY ARTISTS WILL:
Create and perform works-
Hold concerts, shows, exhibits-
Dedicate their performance and events
towards stopping the execution of
Mumia Abu-Jamal, who is currently on
death row.