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7 Artists Are to Work in Partnership with Saint-Cyr Art Studio as Recipients of Creatives Rebuild New York's Artist Employment Program

(New York, New York)—Saint-Cyr Art Studio announced today that they received an Artist Employment Program (AEP) grant from Creatives Rebuild New York (CRNY). Designed to support employment opportunities for artists, the program is funding 98 collaborations involving a dynamic group of 300 artists employed by community-based organizations, municipalities, and tribal governments across New York State. CRNY has awarded a total of \$49.9M in funding to support artists' salaries and benefits, with an additional \$11.7M in funding provided to the organizations holding employment.

"If we are to truly rebuild our amazing state, we must celebrate artists' contributions not only to the economy but to what makes us human," says Creatives Rebuild New York's Executive Director Sarah Calderon. "The incredible work being funded through CRNY's Artist Employment Program underscores the importance of direct support for both individual artists and the organizations that hold their employment."

Audreiana Lesty, Christophe Lima, Sage Cotignola, Melissa Keenan, Jeffrey Espinoza, Annalisa Peña, and Minna Djafari will work with Saint-Cyr Art Studio to beautify spaces through murals reflective of the communities they are placed in, all while engaging those very communities in the process. This group of artists each specializes in the skills necessary to grow the company and spread Saint-Cyr Art Studio's mission. Saint-Cyr Art Studio will receive a generous amount of funding to support the collaboration, including artists' salaries and benefits.

"Being accepted into the program... the word that comes to mind is "continuation". Saint-Cyr Art Studio designer, Jeffrey Espinoza, goes on to say, "I get to continue pursuing my art and continue collaborative work with artists around me... being able to continue to do what is important, which is the art--the message. It's really an incredible opportunity."

Artist Employment Program recipients were selected through a two-stage process by a group of twenty external peer reviewers alongside CRNY staff. From an initial pool of over 2,700 written applications, 167 were shortlisted for interviews with reviewers. To view the list of 98 Artist Employment Program participants, visit <https://www.creativesrebuildny.org/participants/>

For more information about Creatives Rebuild New York's Artist Employment Program, please visit [creativesrebuildny.org](https://www.creativesrebuildny.org). To learn more about the future of Saint-Cyr Art Studio in this partnership visit [saincyrartstudio.com](https://www.saincyrartstudio.com).

About Saint-Cyr Art Studio

Saint-Cyr Art Studio is a woman-owned mural company specializing in large-scale commercial murals and community murals for engagement. Mural services are available for schools, healthcare facilities, corporations, municipalities, set designs, advertisements, non-profits, and more. Saint-Cyr Art Studio is NYC/MWBE, NY/NJ DBE, and NMSDC certified. Click [here](#) to view Saint-Cyr Art Studio's past projects.