

**TOMORROW WILL STILL BE OURS
A FESTIVAL OF VISIONARY IDEAS,
ACTIVISM & ARTS
PRESENTED BY GBE & THE TATE
GROUP
429 W. 127TH STREET**

TOMORROW WILL STILL BE OURS is a three-week festival that gathers a diverse array of activists, artists, and thinkers to help shape our collective response to a changing America. Together we will examine the world as it is, imagine the world as we want it to be, and work to advance that vision.

The festival, curated by Brian Tate, will present free public forums on three distinct movements with rich histories of social change: Black Activism (February 8th), Religious Activism, (February 15th) and Environmental Activism (February 22nd). Now, in the nation's new political landscape, those movements are themselves on rapidly shifting ground. How will they respond? Through panel discussions with leaders and innovators in each area, TOMORROW WILL STILL BE OURS will place those movements in political and cultural context, and outline a future when their progressive values are again ascendant.

The festival's cultural programming includes performances by some of the most original artists in New York City. Some will perform brief sets at the weekly panel discussions, while others will appear at the Festival Wrap Party: Say It Loud (February 24th).

GBE has organized an exhibition to serve as a visual framework and backdrop to these discussions. Funds from this show will benefit the ACLU, an organization at the front line in the fight for our rights and freedoms. In the ACLU's own words:

"We are not an America that tries to forcibly remove 11 million undocumented immigrants, bans the entry of Muslims into our country and aggressively surveils them, or limits the rights of women to access abortion services. We won't go back - not on torture, not on freedom of expression, not on reproductive rights, and not on police accountability. We've been defending your rights for nearly 100 years, no matter who is in the White House. Now more than ever, we need you with us."

Participating artists include Lutz Bacher, Thomas Bayrle, Brian Belott, Judith Bernstein, Jennifer Bornstein, Carol Bove, Zach Bruder, Martin Creed, Verne Dawson, Raul de Nieves, Jeremy Deller, Peter Fend, Derek Fordjour, Dara Friedman, Curtis Glenn, Hans Haacke, Mark Handforth, Rachel Harrison, Halsey Hathaway, Hugh Hayden, Karl Holmqvist, Jonathan Horowitz, Arthur Jafa, Rashid, Johnson, Joan Jonas, Josh Kline, Christopher Knowles, Ella Kruglyanskaya, Mark Leckey, Margaret Lee, Danny Lyon, Eric Mack, Jasmine Murrell, Yamini Nayar, Silke Otto-Knapp, Laura Owens, Trevor Paglen, Oliver Payne, Ugo Rondonine, Rachel Rose, Mika Rottenberg, Cindy Sherman, Avery Singer, Frances Stark, Rirkrit Tiravanija, Thomas Vu, Lawrence Weiner, Stanley Whitney, Jonas Wood, and more...

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What Will Be Different? A Conversation on Black Activism in a Changing America

February 8th, 6:30-8:30pm · Free

Opening remarks from the ACLU

Given the historic role of black activism in driving social change; given signal events in Baltimore, Dallas, at Standing Rock, and elsewhere; and given the discussion of stop-and-frisk as a national policing policy, what are the consequences and implications of black activism today?

Panelists:

Monifa Bandele · Co-Founder, Black August Hip Hop Project; activist, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement

Rev. Kaji Douša · Sr. Minister, Park Avenue Christian Church
Kassandra Frederique · NY State Director, Drug Policy Alliance
Dr. Marta Moreno Vega · President/Founder, Caribbean Cultural Center
African Diaspora Institute

Moderator: Greg Tate · Cultural Critic/Musician/Producer Pre-Talk

Performance: Storyboard P

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What Will Be Different? A Conversation on Religious Activism in a
Changing America
February 15th, 6:30-8:30pm · Free

What is our moral response when civil rights and human justice for the
most vulnerable is put at risk, when freedom of religion is no longer
guaranteed, and when America's core values seem to shift?

Panelists:

Onleilove Alston · M.Div., MSW, Executive Director, Faith in New York
Rev. Dr. Amy Butler · Senior Minister, Riverside Church
Rev. Dr. Serene Jones · President, Union Theological Seminary
Lisbeth Melendez Rivera · Director of Latino and Catholic Initiatives,
Religion and Faith Program, The Human Rights Campaign

Moderator: Josef Sorett · Associate Professor of Religion and African-
American Studies, Columbia University

Performance: Alicia Hall Moran

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What Will Be Different? A Conversation on Environmental Activism in a
Changing America
February 22nd, 6:30-8:30pm · Free

What can the environmentalism movement teach us about spurring people

to personal and collective action? What is our response when political leaders dismiss the science on climate change, and when clean water, clean air, and healthy food is increasingly scarce for communities across the nation?

Panelists:

Beth Ackerman · Chair, Beloved Earth Community at Riverside Church

Phil Aroneanu · Senior Campaigns Director, Purpose; Co-Founder, 350.org

Tanya Fields · Founder, The BLK ProjeK

Elizabeth Yeampierre · Executive Director, UPROSE

Moderator: Peggy M. Shepard · Co-Founder and Executive Director, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

Performance: Razia Said