

# Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Event 2021

## Student Art Show

### Who are we?

Since 2018 a committee of community partners have worked together to create the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration event around MLK's birthday on January 15. The events, themed differently each year, include educational programming, a community march, student participation, service projects, and a community program at the Bristol Train Station. This year's events will be primarily virtual due to the pandemic, and we will also be extending our programming beyond January through partnerships with other community organizations. You can find a full list of the January (and beyond) events and resources at [www.ywcatnva.org/MLK](http://www.ywcatnva.org/MLK).

### 2021 Theme

The Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration event theme for 2021 - "Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?" - is inspired by Dr. King's prophetic book of the same name, written in 1967, a year before his 1968 assassination. In the book, Dr. King reflects on the progress of a decade of Civil Rights efforts at a pivotal moment in history. The book carries forward the themes of Wisdom, Courage, and Power. Today, finding ourselves at another hinge moment in history, we must make a choice between the chaos of the present or working towards a brighter future with peace and justice for all. Do we have the Wisdom, Courage, and Power to do the work to reach the Beloved Community of Dr. King's vision?

### Student Art Show

Engaging with and involving our community's youth is an important facet of this event. Therefore, we are partnering with the Bristol Virginia and Bristol Tennessee school systems to host an art show for students from Virginia High and Tennessee High (see guidelines below). Cash prizes will be given to students at both schools who have placed as first, second, and third. Honorable mentions will be awarded to students at both schools as well. The artwork will be on display "virtually" on [the YWCA website](http://theYWCAwebsite) from March 1.

Our youth are truly the ones who hold the potential of change, and we are excited to see the promise of Dr. King's legacy represented in their art.

### Art Show Guidelines

- Create artwork based on the theme "Where do we go from here? Chaos or Community?"
- Artwork must be two-dimensional (e.g. drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, collage, etc.). This is due to the virtual nature of the 2021 event not being conducive to three-dimensional art.
- Artwork must be submitted as a digital scan.
- Scans should be submitted as jpegs and be a maximum of 2MB in size in order to provide the quality needed for digital display.
- The following information must be included on the form for each submitted artwork: Name of student artist, Grade level and high school, Title of artwork, Medium, Short artist statement (2-3 sentences about motivation, feelings, inspiration, etc. for creating your artwork).
- Deadline for submission is **by Friday, February 19, 5:00pm.**
- Please submit via this [Google Form](#).

