



FREEDOM CONSTELLATIONS: PHILADELPHIA

170ft tall portraits that come alive through augmented reality...

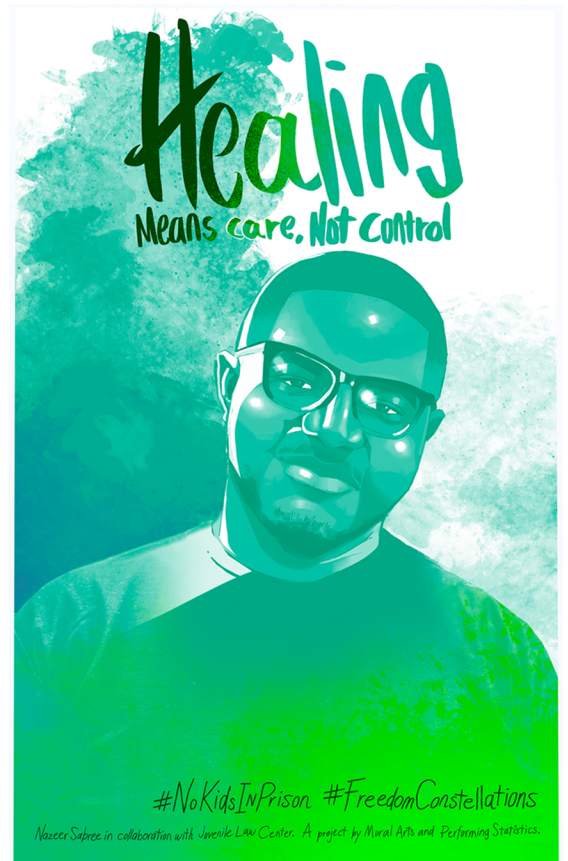
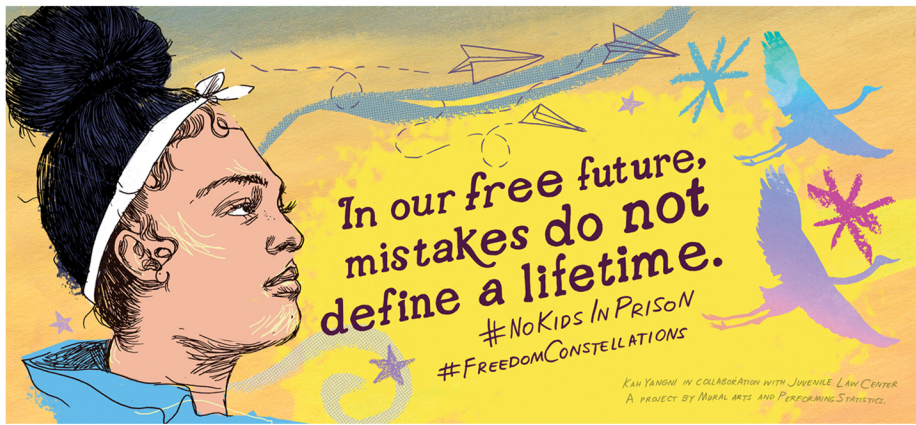
20 art billboards across Philadelphia...

An interactive exhibit full of immersive story based experiences...

All imagining a future where Philly youth are free, safe, and thriving!

Performing Statistics, Care Not Control, Mural Arts Philadelphia, and artists from across Philadelphia are collaborating to create a series of interactive public artworks that use new technology to imagine a more just, whole, and safe future. The central installation will feature monumental portraits of young adults impacted by the juvenile justice system that come alive through augmented reality (AR); animations triggered by viewers' phones will visualize a future world in the clouds above Philadelphia. Featuring a city-wide constellation of 170ft tall banners, billboards, temporary murals and an immersive exhibition, this rare project will transport massive audiences to a future where all youth are free, healed, and thriving.

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KEY COLLABORATORS:

MARK STRANDQUIST (Lead artist / co-curator) is an artist and organizer who has spent over a decade using art to amplify, celebrate, and power social justice movements.

KAH YANGNI (Co-curator) is an illustrator + muralist living in Philadelphia, PA. They make heart-felt art about justice, queerness, and joy.

INVISIBLE THREAD (Augmented Reality Team) is a national leader on immersive installation and augmented reality public art. They have collaborated with Performing Statistics on projects that have reached tens of thousands of viewers.

10 ARTISTS (Billboard Artists) from Philadelphia and beyond will collaborate with youth leaders to co-design a series of billboards that imagine a future where all youth are free.

CORE COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

PERFORMING STATISTICS: National arts org with 8 years of cultural organizing and public art experience.

CARE NOT CONTROL (VILLAGE OF ARTS and HUMANITIES): Philadelphia based, youth-led campaign to fight for the rights of youth impacted by the juvenile justice system.

MURAL ARTS PHILADELPHIA: Supporting billboards, banners, and public engagement.

JUVENILE LAW CENTER: Philadelphia based advocates for youth impacted by the justice and foster care systems.



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