



## Global HeARTwarming Program

### *Spread to the Community*

A CITYarts mural project in Brooklyn, New York

#### **What:**

CITYarts produced a third mural in collaboration with the Middle School for Art & Philosophy. As part of CITYarts' *Global HeARTwarming* program, *Spread to the Community* asked the students why is there such a high speed in climate change. CITYarts professional artist, Robin Alcantara, led students through workshops to develop ideas for their mural and develop technical skills. The project included social studies teachers who taught the students about the speed of climate change concurrently with the workshops. This project received generous support from District 41 Council Member Darlene Mealy's Office and the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs. CITYarts invited NYPD officers to workshops, so the students and officers can get to know each other in a safe and creative environment.

#### **Where:**

Middle School for Art & Philosophy  
1084 Lenox Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11212  
Flatbush, Brooklyn

#### **Who:**

Middle School for Art & Philosophy students and staff  
CITYarts Artists: Robin Alcantara  
Volunteers, Interns, & Staff, CITYarts

#### **Why:**

- Engage students to become actively involved in transforming their school
- Revitalize the space to make it more welcoming and enjoyable for the school community members
- Bring together youth and families to collaborate on a project that will improve a significant communal space and their quality of life
- Empower youth to take leadership roles in acting as positive force in their community while learning practical skills
- Build better relationships between youth and the NYPD

#### **When:**

January - October 2023



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