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**NEW OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION AT HUDSON RIVER PARK SHOWCASES WORK
BY YOUNG EMERGING NYC ARTISTS**

*Organized by arts nonprofit NYC SALT, the large-scale vinyl prints capture life in
the city from a diverse range of perspectives*

NEW YORK (June 21, 2021)— NYC SALT, a nonprofit dedicated to creating opportunities in visual arts and pathways to college and career for underserved city youth, and Hudson River Park unveiled a new public art exhibition today, showcasing works by young artists that graduated from the SALT program. The images, which capture vibrant, dynamic communities across New York City through the students' unique perspectives, will be on show outside the West 30th Street Heliport in Hudson River Park starting June 11.

Local arts nonprofit NYC SALT engages students from all backgrounds in a rigorous blend of professional photography instruction, college-preparatory workshops, and career exposure to help create professional and educational inroads into the art world. This exhibition includes 22 large-scale works by SALT alumni displayed on 7- by 9-foot vinyl panels, all of which capture students' fascination for discovery, play, and documenting visual histories with parkgoers.

"We are proud to partner with NYC SALT to showcase some of the city's most exciting up-and-coming talent and share the students' distinctive windows into their lives with park visitors," **said Noreen Doyle, President and CEO of the Hudson River Park Trust.** "Hudson River Park has long been a home to the arts and this exhibition links the Park's cultural and educational missions for the benefit of both the students and our broader Park community."

Since 2008, NYC SALT has been engaging, inspiring, and empowering youth from underserved communities in New York City to reach their full potential and develop a sense of agency, belonging, and integrated identity through visual art education. NYC SALT alumni have graduated from illustrious colleges and established themselves as emerging artists in the competitive NYC creative industry. Most of them are the first in their families to go to college.

The artists featured in the show include Emeraude Dorcelly, Varda Durandisse, Alexis Fuchs, Daniel Martinez, Grace McNally, Nora Molina, Andrew Morocho, Devin Osorio, Christian Rodriguez, Ruben Dario Ramirez, Ayman Siam, and Malike Sidibe.

The show was curated by **Polly Irungu**, Founder of Black Women Photograph; **Pei Ketron** from Adobe; **Suhaly Bautista Carolina**, Senior Managing Educator of Audience Development and Engagement at The Met; **Travis Keyes**, President of APA NYC; **Katrin Eismann**, NYC SALT Board Member; and NYC SALT Founder **Alicia Hansen**.

ABOUT NYC SALT

NYC SALT creates opportunities in visual arts and pathways to college for underserved New York City youth, by engaging them in a rigorous blend of professional photography instruction, one-on-one mentoring, college-preparatory workshops, and career exposure.

ABOUT HUDSON RIVER PARK

Hudson River Park, which extends from Chambers Street to 59th Street along Manhattan's west side, is the longest riverfront park in the United States. This free, urban recreational oasis is home to award-winning skate parks, playgrounds, sports fields, gardens and nature exhibits, boating and maritime activities, art installations, and myriad year-round events that celebrate the diverse cultures and neighborhoods along its shores. The Park, which transformed four miles of decaying piers and parking lots into a premier New York City destination for local residents and visitors alike, plays a critical role in protecting the Hudson River ecosystem. For more information, please visit www.hudsonriverpark.org, follow the Park on Twitter and Instagram at @HudsonRiverPark, or like their Facebook at: www.facebook.com/HudsonRiverPark.