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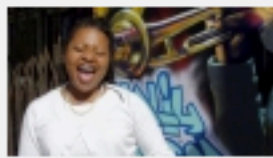
## Experience 'Transformative Visions' arts event - March 16

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As world citizens, we can plainly see that the culture and climate of our world is changing ... along with the culture and climate of Oakland.

As citizens of both, we vaguely know that we have a right and a say so in what that change will look like, although that can sometimes feel like an uphill battle. The power to transform the world, as we wish to see it, as active participants, can be both an inner and an outer struggle; the transforming our “inner world,” thoughts, feelings, hearts and minds, while simultaneously transforming the outer world/reflection of violence, crime and politics.

In the sentiment of that paradigm shift, OneLife Institute presents Transformative Visions, an annual multimedia arts event held in Oakland whose purpose is to uplift a vision of peace, justice, healing, and possibility for the community and the world.

This yearly event is scheduled to coincide with the annual observance of “A Season for Nonviolence,” a national 64-day educational grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence can be an influential tool to heal, transform and empower. A Season for Nonviolence is inspired by the memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In the footsteps of those nonviolent pioneers, Transformative Visions is intended to bring light to the realities happening in our world, while at the same time, inspiring the participating audience to dream of something better, offering spiritually-rooted responses to the troubling issues of the present day.

The Visual Art Exhibit will be on display, taking up the walls on both floors of the Studio One Arts Center in Oakland, from March 9 to April 8. More than 20 Bay Area artists, working with a wide range of styles and media will be participating. They include: Abba Yahudah, Alonzo Young, April Martin Chartrand, Brett Cook, Bryan Keith Thomas, Damon Powell, Daniel Zarazua, Eesuu Orundide, George Hopkins, James Gayles, Kris Washington-Carroll, Lorraine Bonner, Malik Seneferu, Mildred Thompson, Nia Jourdan, Pablo Soto Campoamor, Ras Terms, Safetyfirst, Salma Arastu, TaSin Sabir, Wanda Sabir, William Rhodes, Xiomara Castro, and Zena Allen.

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