

Get up, stand up and fight for Bob Marley's art mural

CAMPAIGN TO BRING BACK LOST ART ON REGGAE ICON'S

A SOUTH London community has launched a crowdfunding campaign to bring back a lost Bob Marley mural.

Brockley residents want the Bob Marley mural that was lost during demolition for a new housing development to be the centrepiece of the area's first Street Art Festival.

The Brockley Street Art Festival takes place between May 29 and June 6 alongside with the Brockley Max.

Festival organisers need to raise £5,000 to cover artist fees, materials and equipment for this and other planned murals.

Brockley Street Art Festival was created following a successful public vote as part of an initiative led by London mural specialists Global Street Art.

Organisers will work with local, national and international artists to transform vacant walls and shop shutters in the Brockley area.

The original mural of the reggae icon who would have celebrated his 70th birthday this year, was created more than 40 years ago.

This was replaced in 2005 as part of a Brockley Max black icons celebration but demolished in 2014 along with artist impressions of Maya

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Angelou and Jimi Hendrix.

Established street artist Dale Grimshaw has been lined up to paint a brand new image of Bob Marley, with organisers securing permission for painting just yards from the original mural site on a wall belonging to The Brockley Barge, a pub owned by JD Wetherspoon.

The brewery's area manager said Richard Marriner said: "We are delighted to support Brockley Street Art Festival this year.

History

"These murals have been part of Brockley for 40 years and we are delighted to help the community preserve some of the artistic history from this area."

Brockley Max festival director, Moira Tait said: "A Bob Marley image has been part of Brockley for so many years now so it will be fantastic to see it back again, and we are thrilled that the painting will begin at the Brockley Max Opening Night."

Visit brockleystreetart.com to donate.

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LEARNING SEAT: An exhibition of book benches was held at the Embassy Tea Gallery in London Bridge. Here are pupils from the Millennium Primary School in Greenwich

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Take a seat and have a read on a ... book bench

SOUTH London school children enjoyed seeing the designs they created on book shaped benches at a special exhibition.

Hundreds of youngsters a week long showcase of the Books about Town Schools programme at the Embassy Tea Gallery in Union Street, Bermondsey.

As part of the project to boost youngsters enjoyment of books the National Literacy Trust worked with pupils from 100 schools across London to design benches inspired by popular works. The work aimed to address the trust's recent research that showed one child in three from the capital does not enjoy reading.

Youngsters from Millennium School in John Harrison Way, Greenwich enjoyed seeing their designs based on the book Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd at the show.

The 40 unique benches on show also included those inspired by books The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time by Mark Haddon, J K Rowling's Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson. Project manager Charlotte says: "The response to the Books about Town for Schools programme has been brilliant, with schools taking part seeing an increase in enjoyment of reading and knowledge of books."

The project was funded by the London Schools Excellence Fund.



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