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**COUNCILMEMBER ISAIAH THOMAS AND MURAL ARTS PHILADELPHIA  
ANNOUNCE ART-IN-THE-PARK**

**PHILADELPHIA – June 29, 2021 – The Office of Councilmember Isaiah Thomas has joined forces with Mural Arts Philadelphia and Philadelphia Parks and Recreations for Art-In-The Park, a series of fun, interactive events at community parks across the city as part of [Arts and Culture Recovery Week \(ACRW\)](#).** As the City of Philadelphia continues to safely and responsibly reopen after a historic global pandemic and severe economic challenges, ACRW aims to display the city’s resilience through safe, engaging social and cultural programming for all ages. The week-long activities are supported by Lead Sponsor Forman Arts Initiative.

“We spent the past year listening to the arts and culture community about ways the city can reprioritize them,” said **Councilmember Isaiah Thomas**. “We have introduced legislation and advocated for new funding but now it’s time to celebrate the arts. I am excited to work with Mural Arts on this Art-In-The Park series to bring different types of art to different neighborhoods across Philadelphia.”

“When Councilmember Thomas called and expressed his vision for Arts and Culture Recovery Week, we eagerly jumped into action,” said **Jane Golden, Executive Director of Mural Arts Philadelphia**. “Thomas has been a huge advocate for the arts and helped find money to support small arts organizations and artists struggling financially during the pandemic and in light of the Philadelphia Cultural Fund cut last year. We wanted to help tell the story that the City of Philadelphia is back and stronger than before through sheer grit and the power of art!”

The **Art-In-The Park** events are as followed:

**Tuesday, July 6**

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Malcolm X Park  
Live Painting  
Beats by DJ Dro

**Wednesday, July 7**

8:30pm  
Franklin Square  
Electric Philadelphia Dedication  
Live music and light show

**Thursday, July 8**

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Penn Treaty Park  
Double Dutch Demonstration + Lessons  
Vision Board Creation  
Led by Mural Art’s Women’s Reentry Pilot Program

**Councilmember Isaiah Thomas** is a freshmen Councilmember At-Large for Philadelphia City Council. Born and raised in Northwest Philadelphia, Thomas is the son of a Philadelphia school teacher and an educator through Sankofa Freedom Academy, Lincoln University and the Thomas & Woods Foundation. Councilmember Thomas' background and passion is in youth sports, through his initial work on City Council has worked deeply with the arts and culture community as well. Thomas believes in the critical importance of out-of-school-time (OST) and works with youth providers to bring quality programming to young people across Philadelphia. Thomas is the Chair of the City Council Streets Committee and Vice Chair of the Children and Youth Committee. Follow him on social media @CMThomasPHL on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and [@councilmanthomas\\_jobsresources](#) or visit [phlcouncil.com/isaiahthomas](http://phlcouncil.com/isaiahthomas).

**Mural Arts Philadelphia** is the nation's largest public art program, dedicated to the belief that art ignites change. For over 30 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative and equitable process, creating over 4,000 artworks that have transformed public spaces and individual lives. Mural Arts aims to empower people, stimulate dialogue, and build bridges to understanding with projects that attract artists from Philadelphia and around the world, and programs that focus on youth education, restorative justice, mental health and wellness, and public art and its preservation. Popular mural tours offer a firsthand glimpse into the inspiring stories behind Mural Arts' iconic and unparalleled collection, which has earned Philadelphia worldwide recognition as the "City of Murals." For more information, call 215-685-0750 or visit [muralarts.org](http://muralarts.org). Follow us on social media: @muralarts on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), [MuralArtsPhiladelphia](#) on Facebook, and [phillymuralarts](#) on YouTube.

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