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**THE UNVEILING OF *MEETING US IN THE MIDDLE: MAKING SPACE FOR OUR BLACKNESS AND OUR QUEERNESS***

**PHILADELPHIA - July 19, 2021** - The unveiling of *Meeting Us in the Middle: Making Space for Our Blackness and Our Queerness* will take place on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at 2:00 pm at the Tacony LAB Community Arts Center. Refreshments will be served.

*Meeting Us in the Middle: Making Space for Our Blackness and Our Queerness* is a two-part project commemorating the intersectional experience of being black and being queer. The project is a collaboration between two Black Philadelphia artists, Jah Guinyard and Kenyssa Evans. It features video interviews and large-scale photographs of several queer people of color who reside in and around Philadelphia.



Photo by Kenyssa Evans.

“Because of the electronic nature of this work, this project may be viewed on the Tacony LAB’s new website, <http://TaconyLAB.org>,” said Barb Baur, the Tacony LAB coordinator. “Each photograph contains a QR Code which will lead directly to the interview video portion of the exhibit.”

“The original full-sized photographs will be on display through September 2021,” added Baur.

Both artists will be present at the opening, Baur confirmed. Evans, the photographer for the project, was recently awarded a Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists from Mural Arts Philadelphia.

The Tacony LAB Community Arts Center is located at 6918 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. The center features free art courses and supplies for Philadelphia residents. A formal website launch party is tentatively scheduled for late August 2021. The Tacony LAB is a project of Mural Arts Philadelphia and sponsored by Sixth District City Councilmember Bobby Henon.

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