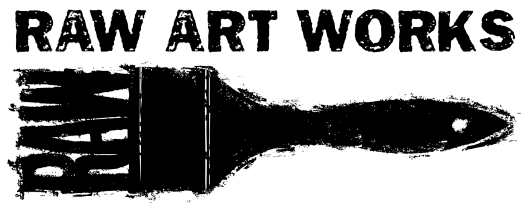


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**HONORING BRUCE AND TRICIA HERRING: RAW ART WORKS PRESENTS
THEME FOR ANNUAL BASH FUNDRAISER**

Lynn, MA - April 23, 2024 - Raw Art Works is thrilled to announce the launch of its highly anticipated annual fundraiser, BASH, with an electrifying new theme: unaBASHed. Set to take place on May 11, 2024, at Raw Art Works located at 37 Central Square in Lynn, MA, this year's event promises an unforgettable evening celebrating the fearless creativity and unabashed self-expression that define the artistic spirit.

Each year, BASH serves as a vital platform for Raw Art Works to raise crucial support for its transformative programs empowering young people through the arts. From visual arts to filmmaking, Raw Art Works provides a safe and nurturing space for youth to explore their creativity, develop their voices, and build confidence.

"UnaBASHed encapsulates the essence of our mission at Raw Art Works," says Rosario Ubiera-Minaya, Executive Director of Raw Art Works. "It's about embracing authenticity, celebrating individuality, and championing the unapologetic spirit of artists who fearlessly express themselves through their work."

This year, Raw Art Works is proud to honor Bruce and Tricia Herring for their unwavering support and dedication to the organization. Bruce Herring, as Chair of Raw Art Works' Board (2009-present), has contributed his experiences in the private sector to significantly grow RAW's social impact now and into the future. His commitment to RAW's mission comes from the personal experiences he and his family have had working directly with RAW staff and youth over his fourteen-year tenure on the Board. Motivated by a desire to close the opportunity divide for local underserved youth, he has been a determined driver of RAW's growth and development. "This organization is making a difference in the lives of hundreds of kids every day and is a place where they feel safe and understood," says Bruce Herring.

"Bruce has devoted his talent and vision to our expansion," adds Rosario Ubiera-Minaya. "Now it is our turn to honor Bruce and Tricia for their unabashed support and leadership."

UnaBASHed will feature an array of captivating performances, interactive art experiences, delicious cuisine, and our annual art auction, all set against the backdrop of Raw Art Works' vibrant creative community.

"We invite everyone to join us for a night of celebration, inspiration, and giving back," encourages Rosario Ubiera-Minaya. "Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people and continue to nurture the next generation of bold, unabashed artists."

Tickets for UnaBASHed are now available for purchase at www.rawartworks.org/bash.

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For sponsorship opportunities and more information, please contact development@rawartworks.org, or visit www.rawartworks.org/bash. Don't miss your chance to be part of this extraordinary evening of art, advocacy, and community. Let's come together to support Raw Art Works and celebrate the fearless creativity of our youth.

About Raw Art Works:

Raw Art Works (RAW), a creative community arts organization rooted in art therapy, believes that all young people should be seen + heard, and that everyone has a story to tell. Located in Lynn, Massachusetts, RAW offers a variety of free programming from painting to filmmaking, for kids in grades 4-12. RAW uses art to ask kids "What's really going on?" in their lives, giving them the tools to create in unexpected ways, and envision new possibilities for their future. RAW's mission is to ignite the desire to create + confidence to succeed in our youth. Learn more at www.rawartworks.org.