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**REFUGE FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES VISUAL ARTS ELEMENT OF HOPELAND FESTIVAL ALONG WITH TEN MORE MUSICAL ARTISTS PERFORMING**

The unique two-day festival will celebrate community through live music & visual artists starting on **Friday, September 21** from 5:00pm – 10:00pm, and **Saturday, September 22** from 11:00am – 5:00pm. It will combine musicians with captivating visual artists. It will be hosted in downtown Green Bay, partnering with local businesses around town including Kavarna, Keggers, Lyric Room, Black & Tan Lounge, Neville Public Museum, Three Three Five, Cup O Joy, and Titledown Brewing Company Roof Tap.

**Refuge Foundation for the Arts** is excited to announce the visual art portion of **Hopeland Festival** will be spearheaded by **Refuge Artist in Residence, Ally Wilber**, who seeks to bring meaningful public art to the event. Expect to see some larger, intentionally provocative and uplifting works by Fox Cities artists outside and throughout the musical venues. Some pieces may even find a permanent home in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

“We live in a time of change; of passionate opinions, protest, and reform. Words and images have the power to make people consider things in a new way, and there’s a lot to consider in the world right now. Public art places these images and words in front of those who might not otherwise be looking. We need more of it, in every city, and we need it to incite feeling, thought, and action.” Wilber remarks on the direction for this year’s visual art installations.

**Refuge Foundation for the Arts, along with title sponsor Fox Communities Credit Union** are pleased to announce the next ten artists for this year’s lineup:

<b>Nnamdi Ogonnaya</b> - Chicago, IL	<b>McKinley Dixon</b> - Richmond, VA
<b>Mayaeni</b> - Detroit, MI	<b>J-Council</b> - Appleton, Wisconsin
<b>Creamer</b> - Nashville, TN	<b>Elle Winston</b> - Brooklyn, NY
<b>Alex Ortega</b> - New York, NY	<b>Colee James</b> - Green Bay, WI
<b>Jonny P</b> - Nashville, TN	<b>LOLO</b> - Jackson, TN

Joining already announced artists: **Adriel Denaë, Feed the Dog, Cat Clyde, The Lately, Nicholas Raymond, Emily Kopp, David Paul Martin, Parker Gispert, Sam Trump & Michael Schnabel.**

**Refuge Foundation for the Arts** will be announcing the visual artists + the final lineup in the coming weeks.

**About Refuge Foundation for the Arts:** Refuge Foundation for the Arts is a non-profit organization providing sanctuary for the pursuit of creative expression through music and art. Founded in response to the lack of resources available to artists today, it is the mission of The Refuge to offer patronage and opportunity to creators in a supportive and collaborative environment. Bordered by the Fox River in Appleton, WI and built in 1935 by Capuchin-Franciscan monks, our beautiful 33,000 square foot facility houses recording studios, art studios, and artist residences amid ten acres of protected nature, gardens, and orchards. For more information, please visit [www.refugearts.org](http://www.refugearts.org).

