

“LET THE MURAL SPEAK: A SPOKEN WORD EXPERIENCE”
PRESENTED BY ONEUNITED BANK CELEBRATING MIAMI’S ART BASEL
South Florida poets give voice to nationally acclaimed mural “Thunder & Enlightening”

MIAMI, FL – November 25, 2015 – On **Thursday December 3rd, 2015, 6:30-11pm**, in celebration of Miami’s **Art Basel** season, **OneUnited Bank**, the nation’s largest black-owned bank, will present **“Let the Mural Speak: A Spoken Word Experience”** as the continuing interpretation of *Thunder & Enlightening*, the nationally acclaimed 550 square foot mural by celebrated Miami artist Addonis Parker, which is erected on the bank’s facade. Attendees can expect a “speak easy” vibe under the stars at OneUnited Bank’s Miami office (**3275 NW 79th St, Miami, FL 33147**). The event is free and open to the public.

South Florida’s renowned spoken word poets Anomaly, Bertrand Boyd and Maha Adachi will perform under the *Thunder & Enlightening* mural and present the “art of spoken word” by expressing the urban experience through the universal themes of hope, racism, freedom and love included in the landmark mural. Parker will also unveil a trilogy of paintings entitled “Lady Liberty” another continuing piece inspired by the mural.

Teri Williams, President and COO of OneUnited Bank, is a staunch advocate of the arts and has committed OneUnited Bank as a platform to display the diverse artistry in the urban communities while also encouraging financial literacy. “We continue to be inspired by the art community in Miami and think it’s important to tell our authentic stories through art. We’re also finding innovative ways to instill financial literacy through the process,” said Williams.

Thunder & Enlightening was the conclusion of the OneUnited Mural Project – an apprenticeship-based program using public art works, youth development and a community beautification program providing arts enrichment through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) education. The mural conveys a controversial message of freedom and hope by expounding on today’s social and economic unrest – using media icons like **Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown**, the racially motivated South Carolina massacre, and the 343 firefighter heroes from the aftermath of 9/11.

Let the Mural Speak: A Spoken Word Experience is presented in partnership with B. Side Entertainment and Art Forever Studios

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