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City of North Vancouver to Unveil Unique Community Mural

The City of North Vancouver is celebrating a collaborative new public artwork project, bringing together internationally acclaimed street artists, homeless shelter residents and local youth to create one of the largest murals in the region.

On **Monday, September 30th**, the City will unveil '**Word to Your Motherland**', a large outdoor mural designed and created by three lead artists, City youth, and homeless shelter residents.

Throughout the collaborative process, the lead artists share their personal experiences and the ways in which they pay respect to their homelands by creating cross-cultural artistic works. Youth and shelter residents are encouraged to express their own experiences within the mural art. The mural is also a creative solution to address graffiti challenges, transforming an unsightly wall into a community showpiece that celebrates multiculturalism and promotes tolerance.

The concept originates with acclaimed California based visual artist Nisha K Sembi, as well as hip hop MC and filmmaker Mandeep Sethi. The project was developed as a movement dedicated to showcasing young artists using hip hop as a form of self-expression and a connection with their cultural roots.

The California artists join forces with Miguel 'Bounce' Perez, and local Haida carver/ street artist Corey Bulpitt as well as Take5 to represent Metro Vancouver's multicultural communities within the mural.

The '**Word to Your Motherland**' mural is presented by the City of North Vancouver and Creativa International, a Vancouver based not-for-profit arts organization, in partnership with Kalakari Collective and the Lookout Emergency Aid Society, with support from the Arts Office, Neptune Shipping, and H.A.V.E. Culinary Training Society.

The unveiling takes place on **Monday, September 30 from 3pm – 4:30pm** at 705 West 2nd Street, North Vancouver.

For more information, visit www.cnv.org/MotherlandMural

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