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TWO WCS D ART TEACHERS' WORK SELECTED FOR THE MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL

Mr. Malik Hayward from Greeleyville S.T.E.A.M. Academy and Dr. Andrea McCray from C.E. Murray Middle School had their artwork titled "R.E.A.C.H." and "My Colorful Life" selected to be featured in the MOJA Arts Festival, scheduled to take place from September 26 to October 6, 2024. The festival is an annual celebration of Black arts and culture, showcasing African American and Caribbean artistic contributions to the world.

The MOJA Arts Festival is a multi-disciplinary event organized by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the MOJA Planning Committee, a volunteer community arts and cultural group. The Swahili word "MOJA," meaning "One," appropriately represents the festival's focus on harmony among all people in the community. The festival encompasses various events including visual arts, classical music, dance, gospel, jazz, poetry, R&B music, storytelling, theater, children's activities, traditional crafts, and local foodways. Additionally, MOJA conducts educational outreach workshops in public schools and senior outreach in community centers.

"I am thrilled to have my artwork included in the MOJA Arts Festival Juried Art Exhibition, an exciting annual event held at the city gallery. It has been an honor to share my inspiration for art in this stunning venue over the past few years. I am eager to meet other artist hear their stories and present my artwork alongside other talented artists from the region."

Malik Hayward

"I am very excited to have one of my paintings displayed at the MOJA Arts Festival. I believe that we are God's masterpieces and His love will forever bless us with good things as we keep Him in all of our plans for the future. I use Ephesians 2:10 NLT scripture as my greatest inspiration which welcomes encouragement with agape love to wholeheartedly create with my art students daily."

Dr. Andrea McCray

