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**Opening Reception for Diane Williams's We Can Art Exhibition
at Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station in Glendale**

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(20 February 2020) Los Angeles artist Diane Williams' "We Can" installation will be celebrated with a public reception in the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station at 1020 East Palmer Avenue on Sunday, February 23, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The exhibition, on view from February 20 – March 13, 2020, is mounted in the historic Gas Station at the park, and is supported by the City of Glendale Arts and Culture Commission with funding from the Urban Art Fund. The opening reception will be sponsored and hosted by the Adams Hill Neighborhood Association.

In conjunction with California's Arts Education Month in March, "We Can" is a collaborative project between artist Diane Williams and the Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts (LFCSA) students. The work in "We Can" was the result of a three-month social practice project with 5-12 year old students at LFCSA that emphasized the importance of shared art making and active contribution. Taking inspiration from her artistic process, she and the students created several communal weavings and a life size abstract sculpture made out of recycled and non-traditional materials donated by the parents. "We Can" investigates the role of materiality in art that attempts to expand the notions of time, space, process, and participation.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Ms. Williams states, "My work is about connecting my background as an immigrant from the Philippines with the social landscapes around me. I explore this idea by drawing viewers into a space that is real and imagined, familiar and unfamiliar, creating a sense of ambiguity." Diane Williams earned a MFA from the University of Southern California.

Her recent work includes weavings fashioned from cultural detritus such as ethnic fabric, yarn and plastic recycled from friends and family or salvaged from traditionally owned local shops, which are run and supported by immigrants. The gesture of obtaining these materials provides connections with the histories and narratives of her community. She uses these weavings in a wide range of formats from wall hangings to installations to sculptural masks and monsters. She performs in these masks and includes them in photographic, video and drawn self-portraits. Her website is <http://dianewilliamsartist.com/>.

ABOUT THE ADAMS SQUARE MINI PARK ART SPACE

The Adams Square Mini Park is built around a 1936 Richfield Oil Company Gas Station listed on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources. It serves as a neighborhood venue for arts events on an ongoing basis. This art installation is one in a series of site-specific art installations supported by the City of Glendale Arts and Culture Commission with funding from the Urban Art Fund. The Adams Hill Neighborhood Association, sponsor of the artist reception, is a volunteer nonprofit organization serving the residents and merchants of the Adams Hill neighborhood in Glendale. Further information is available at <http://bit.ly/GlendaleACC> and www.adamshill.org.

SPECIFICS FOR EDITORS



WHAT: Opening Reception for Art Exhibition for “We Can” by Diane Williams

WHEN: Sunday, February 23, 2020, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: 1020 East Palmer Avenue, Glendale CA 91205

OTHER DETAILS: Limited street parking is available, local residents are encouraged to walk

SPONSORSHIP: City of Glendale’s Arts and Culture Commission, Adams Hill Neighborhood Association

About Glendale

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