

**A group art show in response to the layers of the
riots in Crown Heights, Brooklyn 25 years later**

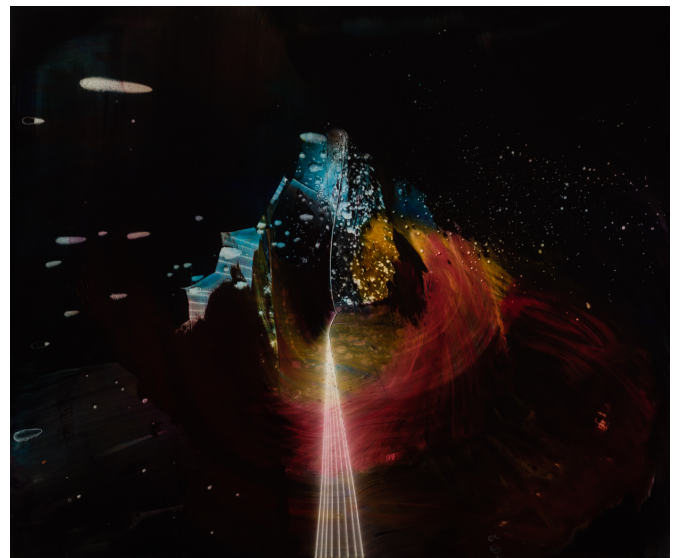
***THE '91 VIOLENCE*
OPENS AUGUST 20**

**at Repair The World NYC on Nostrand Ave.
Curated by Jonathan Allen**

New York, NY, August 15, 2016

Repair the World is proud to announce a new exhibition featuring new artworks by local Brooklyn-based artists that reflect on, and engage with the days between August 19 and 21, 1991 as well as the memories and aftermath of this time. *THE '91 VIOLENCE* will be made of up a diverse range of perspectives on this complex and violent three days, race relations, police action during protests, and the trauma, injury, and death within the Crown Heights community that erupted 25 years ago.

The riots broke out in response to a car crash that resulted in the death of a Guyanese child, Gavin Cato and serious injury of another young person. Subsequent violence was turned against the Orthodox Jewish community resulting in the death of Yankel Rosenbaum.



Rachel Ostrow

Riot, 2016

Oil on panel, 20" x 24"

Kenneth E. Parris III

An injury to one is an injury to all, Part 2, 2016, Acrylic on
Eastern Parkway Paver, 7" x 8" x 3"

“By looking back we can better understand our present, and make positive change for the future. There’s nothing new about making work to process traumatic events, but these artists are making poetic choices about what to say and how to share it, and their collective thought-provoking perspectives promise to be stirring.”

– Jonathan Allen, Curator

“Our ground-floor community center is not a traditional art gallery, and attracts a diverse audience of volunteers, activists, artists, and art enthusiasts. It continues to be important to us to present context for contemporary conversations about education, volunteer and food justice, and we couldn’t be more proud to present this work on this anniversary.”

– Cindy Greenberg, Repair the World NYC Director

THE '91 VIOLENCE

Saturday, August 20 – Friday, October 14

Open hours: Tuesday–Friday 12–6pm and by appointment

Opening reception: Saturday, August 20 from 7:30–10pm

Free admission | <http://www.jonathanallen.org/the-91-violence-2016/>

Repair the World NYC, 808 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Included in the show is work by **Zachary Fabri, Crystal Gregory, Groundswell Community Mural Project, Frederick Hayes, Carl E. Hazlewood, Wayne Hodge, Baseera Khan, Leviim Gallery, Otto Neals, Kambui Olujimi, Meirav Ong, Rachel Ostrow, Kenneth E. Parris III, Kameelah Jana Rasheed, Nathan Rayman, Marc Andre Robinson, Erica Svec, Zachary Wollard, and Rusty Zimmerman.**

***THE '91 VIOLENCE* is curated by Jonathan Allen**

Allen works in painting, collage, video, and performance. He holds a B.A. in Visual Arts / Art History from Columbia University, and in New York has exhibited at Lu Magnus, PS122, Exit Art, Socrates Sculpture Park, Artists Space, Bravin Lee, Caren Folden, Oliver Kamm, and BRIC Gallery. He has participated in Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC)’s *Workspace*, *Process Space*, and *Swing Space* residency programs, the Bronx Museum of Art’s *Artist in the Marketplace* program, and has been awarded residencies at the Bogliasco Foundation in Italy, Cill Rialaig in Ireland, Blue Mountain Center, and Micro Art Space. A recipient of grants from the Pollock-Krasner, Chenven, Puffin, George Sugarman foundations and Brooklyn Arts Council, Allen is the on-site assistant in LMCC’s Arts Center at Governors Island. He frequently collaborates with poets and performers, recently appearing in Joanna Kotze’s FIND YOURSELF HERE at Baryshnikov Arts Center, and is currently working on ABOUT A MINUTE, a series of short videos with New York poets, and FOUNDERS, a series of pop-up performances at NYC contemporary art museums.

<http://www.jonathanallen.org/>

About Repair the World NYC

Repair the World NYC launched in the fall of 2015 to tackle pressing local needs by mobilizing communities to volunteer. We enable people to transform their neighborhoods, city and lives through meaningful service experiences, rooted in Jewish values, history and heritage. Our team of eight full time fellows partners with sixteen organizations in Crown Heights and Bed Stuy to recruit and train the volunteers needed to address education and food justice needs in Central Brooklyn. Repair the World’s collaborative community storefront space at 808 Nostrand Ave is a hub for service and social justice initiatives.

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