

LOISAIDA CENTER RESIDENCY EXHIBITION ‘RESTORING THE HEART OF NI’TIÑAO’ TO OPEN AT BROOKLYN’S ARTS EAST NEW YORK

Created by Loisaida artist-in-residence, Anthony Rosado, the tribute explores indigenous Caribbean peoples through his third generation Nuyorican perspective.

April 27nd, 2018

The highly successful exhibition, ***Restoring the Heart of Ni’Tiñao***, created by Loisaida artist-in-residence, Anthony Rosado, has moved beyond the Lower East Side to Brooklyn’s East New York and will be part of the upcoming exhibition, ***Negritude*** at the Arts East New York Center on May 3rd, 7-9pm.

This exhibition explores Caribbean indigenous identity through the perspective of its creator, a third generation Nuyorican. Using various medium of installation, mixed

media, and collage. Rosado developed his work as an artist-in-residence at the Loisaida Center’s acclaimed Artist Residency Program, which underwrites and mentors socially-engaged and emerging Latino/a/x creatives, cultural producers, and local artists.

The exhibition will open at Arts East New York, a community-based arts organization, as part of its series ‘*Negritude*.’ Ni’Tiñao means relative; friend; and/or progenitor in Kalinago, and is eponymous with the Taíno peoples of the Caribbean.

“My exhibition aims to refute euro-colonial claims that the Ni’Tiñao were a divided peoples who became extinct through a personal narrative,” says Rosado. *“Via art and storytelling, we exist.”* His exhibition is part of a larger project, The Native Caribbean Preservation Project, which aims to heighten visibility and inclusion of indigenous Caribbean peoples in institutions, and contributes to the creation of a recognized “Ni’Tiñao Heritage Day.”

Arts East New York and the Loisaida Center share missions as community-based arts organizations that historically evolved out of communities of color and movements for resident-led development in New York City. The exhibition was made possible at the Loisaida Center in part by funding from the Department of Cultural Affairs and the New York City Council.



General Information: 534 Livonia Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Press Contacts: Libertad Guerra, Director of Loisaida Inc., libertad@loisaida.org, 646-856-2049