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Residents and Local Artists Team Up to Revitalize Chinatown with Art

Public art exhibit in Mary Soo Hoo Park at the Greenway will explore the theme of collective care

BOSTON, MA - [Pao Arts Center](#) and [Asian Community Development Corporation](#) (ACDC) are pleased to announce the kick-off of their third annual Residence Lab (ResLab) on Friday, August 27th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM alongside ACDC's annual [Films at the Gate Festival](#). This year's site-specific installations, co-created in response to this year's theme of collective care, will be on view at Mary Soo Hoo Park at The Rose Kennedy Greenway throughout September, in partnership with the Greenway Conservancy. They invite attendees of all ages to enjoy an evening of family-friendly activities and the chance to meet this year's ResLab participants.

Residence Lab (ResLab), a partnership between Pao Arts Center and ACDC, brings together Chinatown residents and Boston-area artists for a five-month-long residency that builds community and reaffirms Chinatown's identity as a thriving cultural neighborhood within the city of Boston. ResLab partners artists and neighborhood residents through creative engagement that amplifies resident voices and visions for their neighborhoods. The program encourages "yes, and" collaboration, where individuals build off each other's creative visions and naturally bring new ideas into the creative process. The co-designed projects that emerge from ResLab expand Chinatown's cultural footprint while activating public spaces and bridging populations through community activities and artmaking.

This year's ResLab activation will take place in Mary Soo Hoo Park on The Greenway, coordinated in partnership with the [Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy](#). ResLab artists and residents co-created art to activate the park that addresses this year's theme of collective care. Together, Chinatown residents and artists explored, "How do we care for and attend to our communities? How can we facilitate more caring relationships between people and public spaces? How can public spaces in Chinatown make residents feel more seen, included, and safe?"

The third annual Residence Lab Kick-Off begins shortly before [Films at the Gate Festival](#) (FATG), Boston's only free outdoor Asian film festival. FATG, hosted by ACDC, will be running three nights from August 27 to August 29, in Chin Park at the Greenway, next to the iconic Chinatown Gate. The ResLab exhibit will be on view throughout September during Pao Arts Center's [Experience Chinatown Festival](#), which celebrates contemporary Asian and Asian American culture in the Boston area.

After a challenging year for our Asian Pacific Islander community, Pao Arts Center and ACDC are excited to demonstrate Boston Chinatown's resiliency and reaffirm our neighborhood identity by welcoming visitors to these two distinctive community events that celebrate the artistic expressions of our past and present. They look forward to uplifting the narratives, culture, and character of Boston's Chinatown together.

About Pao Arts Center:



[Pao Arts Center](#) was established in 2017 as a visionary partnership between Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) and Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC). Located at 99 Albany Street in downtown Boston, Pao Arts Center is Chinatown's first arts and cultural center.

Pao Arts Center represents the investment and belief that arts, culture, and creativity are vital to the creation of healthy families and vibrant communities. By bringing together community members across generations, Pao Arts Center reclaims a critical part of Chinatown history.

About Asian Community Development Corporation

Since 1987, [Asian Community Development Corporation](#) (ACDC) has been working in underserved and immigrant Asian American communities in Greater Boston, Malden, and Quincy, by building affordable homes and vibrant spaces, empowering families with asset-building tools, and strengthening communities through resident and youth leadership and civic engagement.

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