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Lower Manhattan heats up with LoMan Arts Festival, NYC's First Mural Festival feat. Ron English, Buff Monster, Beau Stanton, and the bust of Edward Snowden

not-for-profit The L.I.S.A Project NYC brings street art fest to 21 downtown neighborhoods with panels, performances, and a screening of a never-before-seen cut of 'Banksy does New York'

(New York, NY) August 5, 2015 - From August 5–9, 2015, the walls of lower Manhattan will spring to life with **The LoMan Arts Festival**, New York City's first-ever mural festival. The event's inaugural year will bring large-scale works by acclaimed mural artists to 21 lower Manhattan neighborhoods, from 23rd Street to the South Street Seaport, in celebration of art that is public, permanent, and accessible to all. Festival programming will include film screenings, panel discussions, a live graffiti battle, and more.

Organized by not-for-profit **The L.I.S.A. Project NYC** and founder/curator Wayne Rada, **The LoMan Arts Festival** will invite two dozen of the most acclaimed mural artists in the world, including New York's own **Ron English, Beau Stanton, Tatyana Fazlalizadeh, TATS CRU, Ludo** (France), and **Solus** (Ireland) to lend their talents to the expansion of the city's first mural district.

"We conceived of this festival as a revitalization of the artistic energy of downtown Manhattan. NYC is such a nexus for art, but these days so many artists are being pushed to the outerboroughs. Following the success of The L.I.S.A project, we wanted to create a larger public arts district and

community of support worthy of the city's thriving art scene," says organizer Wayne Rada. "Though the events of the festival will only last a few days, the resulting artwork will leave a permanent, and extremely positive, mark on downtown Manhattan's neighborhoods."

Festival highlights include:

Thursday, 8/6

PANEL

7 pm: A panel at **Jonathan Levine Gallery**, featuring established artists, TBA

Friday 8/7

SCULPTURE GARDEN

The festival's sculpture garden opens in the "*Ron English - Temper Tot Lot*" at 114 Mulberry Street. Starring the bust of Edward Snowden by Andrew Tider and Jeff Greenspan, as well as works by **Ron English, Leon Reid IV, Art is Trash, Nicolas Holiber, The DRjF!, and Sucklord**. Open through 8/9.

PANEL

7 pm: A panel at **Con Artist Collective**, discussing illegal vs. legal street art installations

Saturday 8/8

STICKER PARTY

1 pm - 6 pm: **Sticker Social Club**

An all-ages, family-friendly event where visitors will learn about sticker culture and create their own signature stickers.

STREET ART ZINES

1 pm - 6 pm: **CarnageNYC**

CarnageNYC, an indie publisher of Street Art Zines, displays and offers a selection for sale.

LIVE STREET ART BATTLE

5 pm - 7 pm: **Secret Walls: Team Crash vs Team BIO**

Secret walls, an underground live action illustration battle, comes to LoMan, pitting legendary streets artists Crash and BIO against each other. The event challenges artists or teams to cover 25 ft high walls with black and white images in 90 minutes. The winner is decided based on the crowd's applause.

FILM SCREENING:

8 pm : An outdoor screening of the never-seen-before European cut of **Banksy Does New York**.

Sunday 8/9

LIVE PODCASTS

12 pm - 5 pm : Live podcast recordings in the sculpture garden including one from the comedy cast of **Legion of Skanks** from the Anthony Cumia Network.

CONCERT

6:30 pm: Musical performances by rapper/street artist, **TT the Artist, Corey Glover** from Living Colour, and more. Completed murals from the festival will be projected on the walls.

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About The L.I.S.A Project NYC,

Founded in 2012 by Wayne Rada, The L.I.S.A. Project NYC is a non-for-profit that has brought a diverse group of artists together in Little Italy on historic Mulberry Street to create Manhattan's only mural district, drawing art fans and tourists to the area to appreciate the vibrant artwork. The successful project has been publicized in The Huffington Post, The Wall Street Journal, NBC New York and more. Recent L.I.S.A. Project NYC murals visible today include the art of Shepard Fairey, Tristan Eaton, Alice Pasquini (Italy), Ron English, Hanksy, Buff Monster, Shok-1, Logan Hicks, The DR!F!, and Pose. For images and more information, please visit <http://www.lisaprojectnyc.org>.

About Executive Director Wayne Rada

Wayne Rada (founder/curator of the L.I.S.A. Project NYC) is the creator of the Art of Comedy, a mural art project that expanded the comedy experience for the 2012 New York Comedy Festival through humorous art. A team including street artists GILF!, Hanksy, and the master Ron English created seven murals in historic Little Italy, bringing The Art of Comedy to life. When Hurricane Sandy struck the area, the merchants of the Little Italy noticed the power of the murals to draw life back into the devastated neighborhood. They asked Wayne to coordinate more, and the Little Italy Street Art Project (a.k.a The L.I.S.A Project NYC) was born. The program has since produced over 40 murals throughout downtown, creating Manhattan's only mural district.

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