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**Local Artists Bring New Perspectives to YWCA Southeast Wisconsin's 17th annual
An Evening to Promote Racial Justice on December 9th**
Kohls and Other Community Enterprises Join Growing Sponsor List

Milwaukee, WI, December 1, 2021 – YWCA Southeast Wisconsin announced today that eight local artists, including an artist collective, will be featured at its annual An Evening to Promote Racial Justice. The event reception and program will include all recommended COVID-related safety practices.

Selected artists, all women of color with different artistic disciplines, will share their takes on the intersection of race and gender equity during the opening reception. Those artists are: Lilo Allen, Adwoa Asentu, B-Free, Kierston E. Ghaznavi, Kelsey Marie Harris, Antoinette Jones, Olivia Burks (LIV), and Raices Revolucionarias (featuring Jeanette Arellano, Xela Garcia, Andrea Lira, and Ceci Tejada). Following the reception, the program will open with a curated artistic experience. Event artists can be previewed by visiting our specially created featured artist page <https://bit.ly/ETPRJArtists>

This year's event features Dr. Sarah Lewis, a renowned art historian with dual appointments at Harvard University in the Departments of Art and Architecture and African and African American Studies. Her expertise focuses on the intersection of African American and Black Atlantic visual representation, racial justice and representational democracy in the United States. By examining how the arts have shaped the evolution of social justice narratives and discourse, Dr. Lewis will join YWCA SEW as it focuses on how to build a more just community – together.

In addition to revealing the participating artists, YWCA SEW proudly announced [Kohls](#) is generously supporting the event as the only Equity Sponsor. Kohls joins previously announced Presenting Sponsors Molson Coors and Rockwell Automation, established partners of YWCA SEW's racial justice and gender equity mission, as well as a growing roster of sponsors that now includes: American Family Insurance, Associated Bank, Baker Tilly, BMO Harris Bank, Froedtert Health, Gateway Technical College, Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Harley Davidson Motor Company, MATC, MGIC, Plum Media, Quad, Radio Milwaukee 88.9, United Way of Racine County and We Energies Foundation.

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YWCA IS ON A MISSION

“We are tremendously grateful to all of our sponsors, whose commitment to this mission capstone for 2021 is deeply appreciated. This year’s distinctive event will also reflect on the intersection of our racial justice and gender equity work, an intersection our guest artists will illustrate in breathtaking ways,” noted Ginny Finn, YWCA SEW President and CEO.

Now in its 17th year, An Evening to Promote Racial Justice is the region’s renowned event bringing together racial equity stakeholders for reconnection, thoughtful reflection, and action-planning. Past speakers have been as varied as Julian Bond, Michael Eric Dyson, Maria Hinojosa, Soledad O’Brien and Naomi Tutu. This year’s event will launch YWCA SEW’s expanded emphasis on its one mission: the intersection of eliminating racism and empowering women, noting the importance of collaboration to build an equitable community. For more event information and to buy tickets, visit: www.ywcasew.org

[About YWCA Southeast Wisconsin](#)

As part of a national network of 200+ affiliates with a bold mission to eliminate racism and empower women, YWCA SEW’s work serves 10,000+ individuals annually, equipping and challenging our community to commit itself to peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Through its distinctive lens focused on economic social determinants of health, YWCA SEW offers an array of empowerment services for women and their families intentionally connected to community-focused racial justice/gender equity programming. YWCA SEW’s vision for the region: a thriving, inclusive, and just Southeast Wisconsin defined by racial and gender equity as the foundation for healthy communities. Visit www.ywcasew.org

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