

SKETCHES OF SPAIN: THE GLOBAL ART AND ACTIVISM OF PAUL ROBESON -- Call For Submissions! --

The Paul Robeson Gallery - Peekskill, in partnership with Westchester Community College, Peekskill Extension Site, is now accepting artworks for an exhibition inspired by photographs of Paul Robeson throughout his life as a scholar, athlete, actor, singer, and human rights activist of global influence.

This exhibition SKETCHES OF SPAIN: THE GLOBAL ART AND ACTIVISM OF PAUL ROBESON will celebrate Robeson's commitment to human rights, his artistic and social justice leadership, and inspire current generations of artists and activists. The exhibition will be on display at the **WCC Gallery**, located at **27 North Division St, Peekskill, NY 10566**.

All visual artists are invited to select a photograph of Robeson from the Burt Glassberg Collection at the Paul Robeson Gallery - currently available online - which features images of Robeson during significant moments throughout his life. Once selected, the photograph will serve as artistic inspiration for artists, who will then create a sketch inspired by the photo and detail their discovery.

Robeson said in 1958: "I have never separated my work as an artist and my work as a human being." We seek to challenge artists to find connections linking Robeson's art and activism with their own - to describe their source of inspiration while learning about the subject matter, the background of the photo, where Robeson was in his significant journey, and their process of exploring Paul Robeson and his legacy.

Artists are invited to submit their work, along with two brief artist statements: one describing their experience in learning of/about Robeson, and one detailing their own personal source of inspiration as an Artist. Artists are encouraged to reference <https://www.robesongallerypeekskill.org> as a source of educational information on Paul Robeson. All submissions will be displayed electronically in an online gallery at the Robeson Gallery - Peekskill. A subset of selected works will be shown in a special exhibition at WCC, Peekskill from August 26th - September 27th, with an opening reception on August 26th from 5:30-7:30pm, and extended hours on September 4th. Selections will be based upon the artwork and accompanying statements,

The art submitted can be in any medium, but must be a sketch as opposed to a detailed, in-depth study. The sketch itself will be the finished work of art.

If your artwork includes any additional material (such as text, illustrations, video, film stills or screenshots) that is owned and held in copyright by a third party, you must obtain the necessary written permission in advance of your submission.

All work will be submitted electronically as a JPEG, TIFF, or PNG file via this online form. The following information will be required:

- Name
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Home Address
- Photograph selected
- Title of your artwork
- Dimensions of your artwork
- Medium used
- Brief artist bio

Deadline to submit: August 10, 2021

About the Paul Robeson Gallery: The Paul Robeson Gallery located at 28 North Division Street in downtown Peekskill, NY was established while celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Robeson's 1949 concert held in Peekskill. The mission and artistic vision behind the Paul Robeson Gallery is to: Create a space for Art and Social Justice initiatives in Peekskill, with a clearly stated inspiration, to honor and preserve the legacy of Paul Robeson and further the goals of mutual respect for all peoples of the world, to support efforts to honor, preserve, and further the efforts of Paul Robeson beyond Peekskill, on the larger National and International level, via contacts, friends, and kindred spirits, and to celebrate the special history and relationships Mr. Robeson shared in our diverse community. The Robeson Gallery Peekskill recognizes Paul Robeson as one of the most influential individuals of the 20th Century.