

Celebrating Minority Artists

Join two 'Human Rights Voice and Expression' events in November 2021



The **virtual art and activism tour** focuses on visual artists using diverse artistic mediums.

When: 16 November 2021, at 8:00am-9:30am (New York City time) / 2:00pm-3:30pm (Geneva)

The event will take place in English, with interpretation provided in Portuguese and sign language.

Register online: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RzpLoFaaQYOzsFnNR023Tq



The online event **#Music4Faith4Rights** provides a forum especially for young/minority artists to showcase their works inspired by the 18 commitments on "[Faith for Rights](#)", on the 40th anniversary of the 1981 [Declaration](#) on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief.

When: 25 November 2021, at noon-1:30pm (New York City time) / 6:00pm-7:30pm (Geneva)

Register online: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TuoDY6cGRywbIsk7IUIcQ

Background:

The Minority Artists, Voice and Dissidence series is convened by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Freemuse. The series brings together minority artists from diverse contexts to present artwork on the freedom of artistic expression. [The first such event](#) convened in February 2021 and focused on artists from across a range of minority communities in the United States, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. [The second event in the series focused on religious or belief minorities worldwide](#), including in circumstances where artists may be threatened by anti-blasphemy or anti-apostasy laws, as well as by other forces limiting civic space. The series as a whole aims to deepen the UN system's engagement with art and artists as a powerful player in discourse and action on human rights.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN Human Rights, www.ohchr.org) is the leading UN entity on human rights. We represent the world's commitment to the promotion and protection of the full range of human rights and freedoms set out in the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

Freemuse (www.freemuse.org) is an independent international non-governmental organisation advocating for freedom of artistic expression and cultural diversity. Freemuse has United Nations Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council (UN-ECOSOC) and Consultative Status with UNESCO. Freemuse operates within an international human rights and legal framework which upholds the principles of accountability, participation, equality, non-discrimination and cultural diversity.

Resources:

- UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/freedomreligion/pages/freedomreligionindex.aspx>
- UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/minorities/srminorities/pages/srminorityissuesindex.aspx>
- UN Special Rapporteur in the Field of Cultural Rights:
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/CulturalRights/Pages/SRCulturalRightsIndex.aspx>
- UN Human Rights Committee:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/ccpr/pages/ccprindex.aspx>
- UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Minorities/Pages/UNNetworkRacialDiscriminationProtectionMinorities.aspx>
- OHCHR guidance on human rights in the COVID-19 pandemic:
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/COVID19Guidance.aspx>
- OHCHR Peer-to-peer learning methodology:
<https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Press/faith4rights-toolkit.pdf>
- Freemuse State of Artistic Freedom 2021 annual report:
<https://freemuse.org/news/the-state-of-artistic-freedom-2021/>
- Freemuse Digital Toolkit for Artists:
<https://www.canva.com/design/DAEC614MC3s/K1Ctor2tw9DKi7vNqV9pvw/view?website#2:digital-toolkit>