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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **The Art Effect Presents: The First Annual Art After Dark on Tuesday, September 25th**

**POUGHKEEPSIE, NY** – The Art Effect announces its first annual Art After Dark event on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 5:30 - 8:00pm at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. The night of immersive arts experiences will feature youth artists, collaborative filmmaking, interactive installations, and live music as well as cocktails, elegant hors d'oeuvres and small plates, and desserts.

**The 2018 Art After Dark honorees** include **Michael J. Quinn** and **Niki Pagones Quinn, Breanna Lee Nussbickel**, and **Amina Kearney**. Michael J. Quinn and Niki Pagones Quinn are community leaders and advocates for youth. Michael is the President and CEO of Rhinebeck Bank, and Niki is a partner at Levine & Levine, PLLC. Fashion designer and entrepreneur Breanna Lee Nussbickel is the owner of The Honey Drop, an online boutique of crystal jewelry and organic candles, and a 2005 alumna of The Art Effect (Mill Street Loft). Amina Kearney is a community collaborator and filmmaker. Amina teaches media production to youth and is a 2009 alumna of The Art Effect (Spark Media Project).

“We are thrilled to share such a creative event in honor of our awardees,” states Executive Director Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt, “These Art Effectors have continuously supported the community and our work throughout the years.”

All proceeds from Art after Dark support The Art Effect, which empowers young people and local communities through the arts and media. Tickets are \$125 per person. Please RSVP by Friday, September 14, 2018. For tickets, visit [feelthearteffect.org/artafterdark](http://feelthearteffect.org/artafterdark).

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. Please contact Nicole Baker at [nicolebaker@feelthearteffect.org](mailto:nicolebaker@feelthearteffect.org) and visit [feelthearteffect.org/sponsorship](http://feelthearteffect.org/sponsorship) for more details.

**About The Art Effect:** The Art Effect, formerly Mill Street Loft + Spark Media Project, empowers youth in the Hudson Valley through the arts and media. Our programming sequence supports the personal and professional development of youth and provides them with the tools and

support necessary to explore the arts, gain meaningful experiences, and eventually excel in their chosen tracks. It is our commitment to support personal growth, self-expression, cooperation, and enhanced human services to build the creative community of the Hudson Valley.

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