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# Press Release

## *Diamond Minds Presents: Art In The Gardens*

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### **United Cerebral Palsy - Diamond Minds Transformational Leadership Academy**

**March 4th, 2017 from 10am-2pm “Art in The Gardens”** is back for its second year of creating opportunities for local Miami artist to engage and impact Miami Gardens youth within their community. This exhibition and day event is designed to inspire creativity and an appreciation of the arts in our uniquely, gifted community. This exhibition highlights and supports local artists and emerging student artists, creating an artistically rich environment for the Miami Gardens community at-large.

Last years exhibition featured an amazing mural and canvas works by Asser Saint- Val, Eposki, Marcus Blake, and many more! Works were both commissioned and donated! This year the exhibition is back for it's second year of transforming the school, a process that will eventually expand out to the neighboring industrial buildings.

**The Diamond Minds TLA** is comfortably nesting in an industrial nook of Miami Gardens. On March 4th from 10am-2pm, the school will open it's doors to the public to share how the school has transformed its classrooms, hallways and public spaces into inspiring artworks that will grace the walls for the following year! Students worked side by side with well known and accomplished Miami artist to create conscious and vibrant murals inside and outside of the school.

**Octavia Yearwood** is the lead curator on Art in the Gardens festival and exhibition. Yearwood was the 2016 American Express Emerging Arts Leader Awardee by Americans For The Arts and has been both cultivating and fostering high caliber arts experience for youth in Miami-Dade while supporting local artist, over the last few years since relocating from New York City. **Principal Tamika Lewis** is a Miami native, born and raised in the Wynwood area. Lewis opened the school primarily as an after school program and has since transformed it into a non-profit private school providing top tier education in both academia and the arts. Lewis says, “I have just always loved the arts. When I was younger I loved to dance and let my mother know I wanted to take dance classes. She said ‘I can’t afford to pay for dance classes, how you gon eat?’. I couldn’t do it as a child and I don’t want any child to not be able to do it.”

**The exhibition features murals by:**

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**Marcus Blake: Miami Artist**

**Grisell Gajano: Miami/ Hialeah Artist**

**Morel Doucet: Miami/ Haitian Artist**

**David Lavernia: Miami Artist**

**And more!**

For more information please contact curator, Octavia Yearwood @ [TeamOhhh1@gmail.com](mailto:TeamOhhh1@gmail.com), please be sure to

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