

Monique Meloche Gallery presents
off the wall
FOR FREEDOMS - A BUS BENCH PROJECT
September 1 - November 30, 2016

This fall, Monique Meloche Gallery is pleased to present our third annual #offthewall exhibition, featuring works from the first ever artist-run super PAC, *For Freedoms*. Scheduled over the course of the 2016 presidential election season, works by Zoë Buckman, Paula Crown, Maria Gaspar, Albert Ignacio, Nari Ward, and Carrie Mae Weems will be displayed on public bus benches throughout Wicker Park Bucktown, for this exclusive engagement with a Chicago audience. Beyond the bus campaign, digital billboards by gallery artists Rashid Johnson and Cheryl Pope will be displayed high above the city during the month of September for EXPO Chicago's presentation, *OVERRIDE*. Additionally, *For Freedoms* artist Dread Scott will exhibit his latest video work, *Anti-Campaign Ad*, in our #porcelainprojects space.

Founded by our 2014 inaugural off the wall artist Hank Willis Thomas and Creative Capital Awardee Eric Gottesman, *For Freedoms* uses art to inspire deeper political engagement for citizens who want to have a greater impact on the American political landscape. The organization's intentions are not to sway the public's interest toward one party or the other, but to encourage new forms of critical discourse surrounding the 2016 presidential election. Their aim is to turn the political process itself into a work of art. "Our medium for this project is American democracy, and our mission is to support the effort to reshape it into a more transparent and representative form."

- 1 Albert Ignacio: Division & Leavitt SW
- 2 Zoë Buckman: Division & Oakley SW
- 3 Nari Ward: Western & Wabansia SE
- 4 Paula Crown: Western & Cortland NW
- 5 Carrie Mae Weems: Milwaukee & Moffat SW
- 6 Maria Gaspar: Western & Belden NW

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