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ART EVENTS & CURATIONS

TOLA'S ROOM | November 2018-Present | Baltimore, MD

Tola's Room is a Puerto Rican home museum and cultural space in Baltimore City that celebrates and educates visitors about Puerto Rican and Nuyorican heritage, with a special focus on Baltimore's local Boricua narrative. The name Tola's Room is inspired by founder and owner Christina Delgado's daughter, Omotola.

SKILLSET: Social Media Creation & Management · Design · Curation · Food & Menu Design & Implementation · Art Installation · Photography · Community Organizing & Engagement · Event Design & Implementation · Workshop Design & Implementation · Community Collaboration & Partnerships · Leadership · Management · Troubleshooting

PR WEEKEND BALTIMORE — June 2026

Second annual PR Weekend Baltimore, a three-day, citywide cultural celebration centered on Puerto Rican film, visual storytelling, and community archives. Curated screenings, filmmaker conversations, and cultural programming across multiple Baltimore venues, including the Baltimore premiere of Esta Isla, the premiere of Tola's Room's documentary short BmoreBoricuas: A Living Archive of Puerto Ricans in Baltimore, and a closing screening of Stealing Cars. The festival created intergenerational spaces for cultural exchange while elevating Baltimore's Puerto Rican history, voices, and creative contributions within the broader Puerto Rican diaspora.

Co-Collaborators: The Parkway Theater, Library 19, Old Major, Semilla Cultural, Cristian Carretero, Lorraine Jones, Diaspora Pa'lante Collective DMV, Puerto Rico Distillery, MAC Events, Marly Hernandez-Cortes, Stephen Schuyler, Tamika Anderson, Victoria Lebron, DJ JusJuWit, Joia Event Group, Ozzy Art Photography, Councilwoman Odette Ramos

FROM BORINQUÉN TO BALTIMORE: PUERTO RICAN PLAYERS OF THE BALTIMORE ELITE GIANTS — May 2026

Curated and developed an exhibition exploring the history of Puerto Rican baseball players who played for the Baltimore Elite Giants during the era of the Negro Leagues. The project examines the intersections of baseball, migration, segregation, and cultural exchange, tracing connections between Puerto Rico and Baltimore through sport, community, and diaspora. The 2026 soft opening at SCOUT Artfair introduced the project, with the full exhibition planned for 2027 at Tola's Room.

Co-Collaborators: Yaritza Vélez, Adam Eldean

BMOREBORICUAS POPUP EXHIBITION 2: HISTORY OF ART & CULTURE — January 2026

This pop-up exhibition marked the latest chapter of the BmoreBoricuas Project. Hosted at the Vélez-Eldean home, it continued the work of making Boricua presence visible in Baltimore through a living map of people, place, and story. The exhibition honored the history of Puerto Rican art and culture in Baltimore, a legacy extending from 1899 to the present.

Co-Collaborators: Yaritza Vélez, Adam Eldean, Annette Ortiz, Santana Sankofa, Julian Whitley, T Dumas, Dani Lopez

BMOREBORICUAS POPUP EXHIBITION @ HELLO BONITA – October 2025

A pop-up exhibition continuing the BmoreBoricuas Project and its exploration of Puerto Rican presence in Baltimore. Hosted at Hello Bonita Salon, the exhibition showcased archival documents, oral histories, community objects, creative artworks, and film footage collected since 2024, creating space for past, present, and future stories of the Puerto Rican diaspora in Baltimore.

Co-Collaborators: Dina Tillman, May Santiago, Evan Bowen, Axel Collaso, Tamika Anderson, Omotola Dawodu, Mai-Ling Rodriguez

PR WEEKEND BALTIMORE – June 2025

First annual citywide celebration of Puerto Rican culture, music, and community. Expanded Puerto Rican cultural programming across Baltimore through partnerships with cultural organizations, artists, musicians, vendors, and community leaders. The weekend centered music, memory, and diaspora while elevating Baltimore's Puerto Rican heritage and creative community.

Co-Collaborators: La Sonora, The Parkway Theater, May Santiago, Annette Ortiz, BEMBONA, Sunny Cheeba, Lote 787, Puerto Rico Distillery, Stem & Vine, Thrift Mami, Majesty Reyes, Rio the Barber, The Empanada Lady, Don Q, Los Bomberos de La Calle

MICASA SUCASA – June 2024

4th annual summer celebration acknowledging Baltimore and Maryland's creative community and emphasizing relationships and partnerships as foundations for a thriving art economy and ecosystem.

Co-Collaborators: Ram Sueno, Sergio Neptuna, Anthony Perdue, Dina Tillman, DJ JustJuWit, Maggie Villegas, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, Tamika Anderson, Annette Ortiz, Bridgette Burton, Olufemi Dawodu, Melani Finney-Dawodu

I LIKE THAT VIDEO RELEASE PARTY – May 2024

Organized and hosted the video release party for Puerto Rican Baltimore-based musician Vann Vega's debut single, I Like That.

Co-Collaborators: Vann Vega

IMPROMPTU HOLIDAY POPUP – December 2023

An impromptu holiday pop-up shop highlighting local Puerto Rican artists and vendors.

Co-Collaborators: Javier Gonzalez, Dina Tillman, Linda Ramirez, Ana Teixeira

TRANQUILO – September 2023

A movement, meditation, and wellness series created to feel still, peaceful, strong, and nourished.

Co-Collaborators: Rose Marie Davila, Flava Bowls

UN VERANO EN BALTIMORE – June 2023

A summer party and 3rd annual celebration inspired by El Gran Combo de Puerto Rico's Un Verano en Nueva York. The event continued Puerto Rican summer celebration traditions in Baltimore.

Co-Collaborators: Cane de Sucre, DJ JustJuWhit, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, JaymeSky Pegan Ben-Canaan, Aviv Ben-Canaan, Janyeris Ross Capellan

NAVIDAD BORIKEN – December 2022

An intimate holiday celebration paying homage to la isla, Boriken, featuring a traditional Puerto Rican community-style meal, live Latin jazz, and a fully immersive museum tour.

Co-Collaborators: Ed Hrybrk, Irene Jalenti, Cane de Sucre, Deji Dawodu, Omotola Dawodu, Tamika Anderson, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, JaymeSky Pegan Ben-Canaan, Natalia Rivera, Jennifer Rivera, Osvaldo Rosario

LATINO DESIGN HISTORIES: UNTOLD STORIES ON THE U.S. TERRITORY OF PUERTO RICO & ITS DIASPORA – October 2022

A virtual panel discussion and in-person home museum tour highlighting untold design stories of Puerto Rico and its diaspora.

Co-Collaborators: AIGA Baltimore, SoDA Baltimore, Dr. Maria de Mater O'Neil, Ramdwin Gonzalez-Otero, Alberto Rigau, Raquel Castedo, Cane de Sucre, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, Deji Dawodu, Tamika Anderson

HIKE & MUSEUM TOUR – September 2022

An immersive private museum tour of Tola's Room and hike in Herring Run Park in Northeast Baltimore.

Co-Collaborators: Latino Outdoors, Cane de Sucre, Deji Dawodu, Tamika Anderson, Mai-Ling Rodriguez

I <3 PR PASSION – June 2022

One-year anniversary celebration and fundraiser supporting Tola's Room as a collective space dedicated to arts, community, and education and as a Puerto Rican cultural hub in Baltimore City.

Co-Collaborators: Aszana Bell-Lopez, Truth Outfitters, Julian Whitley, Natalia Rivera, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, JaymeSky Pegan Ben-Canaan, Deji Dawodu, Tamika Anderson, The Empanada Lady

LEXINGTON MARKET COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS – January 2022

Hosted at Tola's Room, this conversation brought together Christina Delgado and Northeast Baltimore community leaders to discuss memories and future dreams for Lexington Market.

Co-Collaborators: Noisy Tenants, Northeast Leaders, JaymeSky Pegan Ben-Canaan

NOCHE BUENA NIGHT MARKET & MUSEUM – December 2021

An authentic Puerto Rican holiday celebration with food and drink, music, vendors, and interactive art.

Co-Collaborators: Jordyn Briana, Joe Santiago, Linda Ramirez, Omotola Dawodu, Vanessa Lopez, Natalia Rivera, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, JaymeSky Pegan Ben-Canaan

LA BODEGA – October 2021

A fully interactive Puerto Rican Culture Museum and Market exploring Puerto Rican cultural and familial traditions through authentic food, music, vendors, and interactive exhibits.

Co-Collaborators: Baltimore Creatives Accelerators Network (BCAN), Joe Santiago, Linda Ramirez, Omotola Dawodu, Vanessa Lopez, Natalia Rivera, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, JaymeSky Pegan Ben-Canaan

SANGRIA SUNDAY – July 2021

Centered around brunch culture, this event brought PR Passion into a more intimate space for art enthusiasts, artists, and art leaders in Baltimore.

Co-Collaborators: Natalia Rivera, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, JaymeSky Pegan Ben-Canaan

PR PASSION – June 2021

A nostalgic Boricua curation for the senses, from the heart and mind of a Nuyorican.

Co-Collaborators: Alyssa Brown, Kyle Miller, Natalia Rivera, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, JaymeSky Pegan Ben-Canaan, Berginald Rash

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY

NE LEADERS | August 2018–Present | Baltimore, MD

A voluntary community collective led by resident leaders focusing on advocacy to build community within Northeast Baltimore through accountability, action, engagement, relationships, and partnerships.

SKILLSET: Community Organizing & Engagement · Workshop Design & Implementation · Community Collaboration & Partnerships · Management · Troubleshooting · Curation

ARTIST CO-COLLABORATORS: NLife, Runners for Justice, Making Good in Our Community, Baltimore Peace Movement, Sela La Like, Backyard Basecamp, 4x4 Community Leaders

DEER PROJECT — April 2026–Present

DIGITAL INEQUITY WORKSHOP — March 2022

TWEEDY'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL — June 2021–2023

#JUSTDON'T: YOUTH ANTI-LITTER & ART ADVOCACY MOVEMENT — February–May 2021

FAMILY FALL CRAWL — October 2021

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE — November 2019

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET — October 2019

MONTHLY MEETINGS — July 2019–Present

HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN HERRING RUN PARK — December 2017–Present

BELAIR-EDISON NEIGHBORHOODS, INC. | June 2015–March 2019 | Baltimore, MD

MOSAIC PLANTER PROJECT — August 2015–June 2016

Community mosaic planter project.

Co-Collaborators: Maman Renkin, Herb Massie, Lynette Rodgers, Page Orpin, Stephen Townes, Jermain T. Bell

BELAIR-EDISON COMMUNITY SIGN MOSAIC PROJECT — 2017

Community sign mosaic project.

Co-Collaborators: Loring Cornish

BREHMS LANE PLAYGROUND PROJECT — 2017

Community playground project.

Co-Collaborators: Kyle Miller, Loring Cornish, Art with a Heart

COMMUNITY MURALS PROJECT — August 2005–May 2017

Community mural projects.

Co-Collaborators: Shaun James, Paige Orpin, Pablo Machioli

ZYMURGY: WORDS & SOUNDS — March 2018

Community arts project.

Co-Collaborators: Ada Pinkett

311 AWARENESS MURALS — July 2018

Community awareness murals.

Co-Collaborators: Greg Gannon

ARTS FOR LEARNING MARYLAND (FORMERLY YOUNG AUDIENCES OF MARYLAND) | 2011-Present
| Baltimore, MD

10TH ANNUAL PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ARTS INTEGRATION TEACHING INSTITUTE (PGATI) –
June 2024-July 2025

EIR-START WITH THE ART – August 2022-May 2023

BLOOMBERG ART INTERNS – October 2022-May 2023

COLLABORATIVE GROWTH PROJECT – February 2021-April 2022

RACE & ETHNIC EQUITY WORKING GROUP – July 2018-March 2021

TEACHING RESIDENCIES & TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LECTURES – April
2010-Present

NORTHEAST HOUSING INITIATIVE | June 2020-2023 | Baltimore, MD

4X4 COMMUNITY INAUGURAL COMMUNITY MURAL – 2022

Managed and organized an extensive community engagement process including community meetings, surveys, and interviews, leading to the first mural for the 4x4 community. The project highlighted Laurel Cemetery and explored the present reality, past, and future of the neighborhood.

Co-Collaborators: Justin Nether, Elgin Klugh

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OBJECTS OF HOME ARCHIVING WORKSHOP, FREE FALL BALTIMORE – October 2025

Interactive workshop exploring personal and cultural archives through storytelling, photography, and community dialogue.

SPANISH SIP & SPEAK – September 2025

LUPA Talks partnership providing a welcoming space for Spanish speakers to practice language skills and connect through culture.

THE PUERTO RICAN EXPERIENCE – December 2024

Bomba history and dance workshop, traditional food, and guided museum tour in partnership with Semilla Cultural.

#BMOREBORICUAS MAPPING & CULTURAL ARCHIVING WORKSHOP – November 2024

Workshop inviting local Baltimore Boricuas to contribute personal items to a multimedia map and digital archive.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP – November 2024

Community cleanup of Northeast Baltimore, Herring Run Park, and lunch organized with Latino Outdoors Baltimore, Blue Water Baltimore, Friends of Herring Run Park, Bmore Beautiful, and Shorty's Bootleg BBQ.

VEJIGANTE MASK MAKING WORKSHOP, FREE FALL BALTIMORE – October 2024

Two-day, six-hour workshop exploring the history and cultural significance of the Puerto Rican vejigante mask, led by Annette Ortiz.

Co-Collaborators: Annette Ortiz, Mai-Ling Rodriguez

#BMOREBORICUAS ORAL STORIES COLLECTION WORKSHOPS – April 2024

Two oral story collection workshops documenting short narratives of Baltimore's Puerto Rican diaspora through film.

Co-Collaborators: May Santiago, Evan Bowen

#BMOREBORICUAS PROJECT WORKSHOP #2: TAÍNO SYMBOLS LINOLEUM PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP – March 2024

Workshop exploring Taíno symbols and their connection to Puerto Rican culture through linoleum printing.

Co-Collaborators: Annette Ortiz

#BMOREBORICUAS PROJECT WORKSHOP SERIES #1: CYANOTYPE WORKSHOP – August 2023

Workshop creating cyanotypes that capture the essence of the Diasporican narrative.

Co-Collaborators: Oliver Maddox

THE CIRCLE – March 2023

Community workshop for caregivers and elders to share stories and create artistic responses to their experiences.

Co-Collaborators: Vanessa Lopez, Cane de Sucre

COMMUNITY CLASSROOM WORKSHOP – April 2022

Interactive workshop developed through Arts for Learning Maryland's Collaborative Growth Project exploring community as classroom and the relationship between people, place, action, and educational practice.

Co-Collaborators: Arts for Learning Maryland, Natalia Rivera, Mai-Ling Rodriguez, JaymeSky Pegan Ben-Canaan, Berginald Rash

COMMUNITY RESIDENCY

BUILD TOGETHER SUMMER DESIGN RESIDENCY | June 2021–October 2021 | Baltimore, MD

A summer-long public space intervention with the Johnston Square neighborhood through the Neighborhood Design Center's Build Together Summer Design Residency. Outcomes included a gateway bridge mural and photography installation, community film, free farmers market pop-up, seven community altar installations, and a social media archive of the process.

SKILLSET: Photography · Artist Commissions · Community Organizing & Engagement · Workshop Design & Implementation · Community Collaboration & Partnerships · Management · Troubleshooting · Social Media Creation, Design & Management · Design · Curation

ARTIST CO-COLLABORATORS: Paige Orpin, Noisy Tenants, Kyle Miller, G Laster

FELLOWSHIPS

CARIBBEAN CULTURAL CENTER AFRICAN DIASPORA INSTITUTE (CCCADI) | June 2018 | New York, NY

Innovative Cultural Advocacy Fellowship. Fellowship training mid-career professionals from historically marginalized communities of color for public leadership and management of cultural institutions and nonprofit arts organizations in New York City and across the nation.

EXHIBITIONS & PUBLICATIONS

FROM BORINQUEN TO BALTIMORE: PUERTO RICAN PLAYERS OF THE BALTIMORE ELITE GIANTS – SCOUT Art Fair at Artscape, May 2026

BMOREBORICUAS POPUP EXHIBITION 2: HISTORY OF ART & CULTURE – Private Residence, January 2026

BMOREBORICUAS POPUP EXHIBITION @ HELLO BONITA – Tola's Room, October 2025

BMOREBORICUAS MINI EXHIBITION – Tola's Room, December 2024

PA MI GENTE – The Motor House, October 2023

TAKING SPACE – Creative Alliance, September 2023

BORICUA – Maryland Women's Heritage Center, September 2023

REMATRIATION: ETERNAMENTE TETHERED – Virtual Exhibition, September 2023
DIASPORICAN ART IN MOTION – Center for Puerto Rican Studies, February 2023
BUILDING CAPACITY FOR COMMUNITY-ACADEMIA RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS BY ESTABLISHING A PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: MORGAN CARES – International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 2022
CASA DE LA CULTURA ART EXHIBITION – Casa de la Cultura, 2022
PASSION & PURPOSE: VOICES OF MARYLAND’S CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS – Maryland Center for History and Culture, June 2022
BALTIMORE UPRISING ARCHIVE PROJECT – Maryland Center for History and Culture, 2015

PRESS & REVIEWS

TOLA’S ROOM PAYS HOMAGE TO BALTIMORE’S PUERTO RICAN STORY – Baltimore Magazine, February 2026
NOT YOUR TYPICAL HOUSE MUSEUM: PUERTO RICAN SPACE MAKING THROUGH ARTISTIC PRACTICE—AN INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTINA DELGADO – CENTRO RICANWRITINGS, July 16, 2025
CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WITH A LOCAL HOME MUSEUM PRESERVING PUERTO RICAN CULTURE – WJZ News, October 14, 2024
PA’ MI GENTE: AN EMBASSY OF BORICUA CULTURE ON NORTH AVENUE – BmoreArt Magazine, December 4, 2023
HOW CURATING TOLA’S ROOM HELPED CHRISTINA DELGADO BETTER UNDERSTAND HER OWN HERITAGE – Baltimore Magazine, October 2, 2023
TOLA’S ROOM: A PUERTO RICAN HOME MUSEUM & CULTURAL OASIS IN BALTIMORE – BmoreArt Magazine, May 19, 2023
BUILD TOGETHER: PILOTING A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND DESIGNER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM – Neighborhood Design Center, May 11, 2023
ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT – The Freakin Rican Monthly Newsletter, May 1, 2023
A PUERTO RICAN EXPERIENCE: AN ARTIST TRANSFORMS HER HOME IN BALTIMORE INTO A MUSEUM – The Baltimore Banner, November 2, 2022
LA BODEGA: A PUERTO RICAN CULTURE MUSEUM & MARKET – BCAN Alum Spotlight, November 9, 2021
BALTIMORE ARTIST TO HOST COMMUNITY EVENT IN JOHNSTON SQUARE – Baltimore Fishbowl, September 30, 2021

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ARCHIVING OUR HISTORIAS: – Towson University, Towson, MD · Facilitator, April 2026
COMMUNITY IS THE CLASSROOM: REIMAGINING TEACHING THROUGH PEOPLE, PLACE, AND PRACTICE KEYNOTE – Prince George’s County Maryland Visual Art Back to School Meeting, Bowie, MD · Keynote Speaker, August 2025
WOW FESTIVAL BALTIMORE PANEL DISCUSSION: EVOLUTION OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS – Women of the World (WOW) Festival, Baltimore, MD · Panelist, April 2025
GETTING TO THE TRUTH IN THIS ART – Podcast by Rob Lee · Spotify, September 2024
BRUSH MURAL FESTIVAL PANEL DISCUSSION: CREATING A PUBLIC REALM – Brush Mural Festival, Baltimore, MD · Panelist, September 2024
URBAN CIPHER: A RACE + SPACE BOARD GAME – 4th International Placemaking Week, Baltimore, MD · Co-Facilitator & Moderator, June 2024
SHORT TALK PLACEKEEPING: HONORING COMMUNITY CULTURE & STORIES – 4th International Placemaking Week, Baltimore, MD · Moderator & Presenter, June 2024
PUERTO RICAN PRIDE AT TOLA’S ROOM – On the Record with Sheilah Kast · WYPR Radio, June 2023
MUTUAL AID: CONSTRUCTING A SUSTAINABLE & REPLICABLE MODEL TO SUPPORT OURSELVES – Maryland Arts Summit, Baltimore, MD · Guest Speaker, June 2023
DESIGNING WITH COMMUNITY AT THE CENTER – Robert W. Deutsch Foundation, Baltimore, MD · Guest Speaker, May 2022

UNDERSTANDING OF PUERTO RICAN CULTURE COURSE – Trinity College, Hartford, CT ·
Guest Speaker, February 2022

OPEN WORKS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT – Neighborhood Design Center, Baltimore, MD ·
Guest Speaker with Jazz Erenberg, October 2021

GETTING TO THE TRUTH IN THIS ART – Podcast by Rob Lee · Spotify, July 2021

NO PIX AFTER DARK – Podcast by Aaron Donte, EP 126: Puerto Rican Passion @ Tola's
Room · Spotify, June 2021