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WHEN: February 23 - March 12, 2017

Reception: Thursday, March 9, 2017 6:30 - 8:30 PM

WHERE: Corcoran School of the Arts & Design

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The Fundred Dollar Bill Project and Corcoran School of the Arts & Design are pleased to announce the launch of The Fundred Reserve on February 23, 2017. Situated within the historic Corcoran rotunda, atrium, and galleries will be the Fundred Dollar Bill Project's 453,168 (and counting) hand-drawn representations of \$100 dollar bills from across the country. All visitors will be invited to learn about the project and create their own unique Fundreds, a currency of imagination, which will be prominently added to the presentation.

Beginning in New Orleans to its current national presence, this extensive exhibition includes documents and artifacts of the decade-long effort to represent the people against lead toxicity in our environment. The massive, operational two-ton SAFEHOUSE Door from New Orleans becomes the portal to the rotunda where the beautifully appointed Fundred Presentation Pallet, topped with hundreds of thousands of bundled Fundreds, can be viewed. Wall-sized photo-mapping and investigations of the lead presence in DC, conducted by Corcoran graduate students, as well as original artworks by other students, are also featured.

Since beginning in 2006, The Fundred Dollar Bill Project has evolved into a national collective project between Mel Chin Studio, MIT Co-Lab, several universities, museums, non-profits and lead poisoning prevention organizations and thousands of schools throughout the U.S. The Corcoran School of the Arts & Design at George Washington University hosts the project headquarters this year, as engagement campaigns are developed in Washington, DC, and Flint, MI.

The Fundred Reserve will mark the launch of participatory national engagement throughout the District of Columbia. In collaboration with DCPS Arts, students from more than 46 schools are creating original Fundreds. The Fundred Armored Truck that has traveled 20,000 miles picking up the Fundreds from around the country will be redeployed for this launch, visiting the schools and accumulating the new DC Fundreds.

This interactive presentation seeks to engage teachers, parents, students, politicians, community members, and health and housing agencies, in fact, anyone who can donate their individual expression in this collective effort against lead poisoning of children.

Draw a Fundred and your voice will join millions of others nationwide to address this ongoing crisis. Regular visiting hours are Wednesday - Sunday, 1-6 PM or by appointment from February 23 - March 12, 2017.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION:

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GUESTS SPEAKERS 6:45 PM - 7:15 PM

List of Speakers:

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi

Representative Dan Kildee

Melissa Mays, Environmental Justice Activist, Founder: Water You Fighting For?

Mel Chin, Artist, William Wilson Visiting Professor of Community Engagement, Corcoran / GW

Julie Kruse, National Lead Policy Expert

Forrest Maltzman, GW Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Susan Breitkopf, GW Director of Development

