NCIP+Wrongful Conviction Day Art Contest
Dear contestant...

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To build awareness around wrongful convictions, we’re looking for artists who have a passion for social and racial justice work. Through our 2020 theme – “Fighting for Justice and Accountability” – we are taking action by amplifying International Wrongful Conviction Day and highlighting the injustices that plague our criminal justice system. Your voice in this community is an integral part in bringing to light wrongful convictions, and your artwork will be used to inform and support the work of NCIP. Thank you for your interest.
Contest Instructions

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What is International Wrongful Conviction Day?

October 2, 2020
About International Wrongful Conviction Day

“International Wrongful Conviction Day is a day to raise awareness of the causes and remedies of wrongful conviction and to recognize the tremendous personal, social, and emotional costs of wrongful conviction for innocent people and their families.

Wrongful Conviction Day began as an effort of the Innocence Network, an affiliation of organizations dedicated to providing pro-bono legal and investigative services to individuals seeking to prove innocence of crimes for which they have been convicted, working to redress the causes of wrongful convictions, and supporting the exonerated after they are freed.”

Learn more at wrongfulconvictionday.org
Theme: WCD 2020 Fighting for Justice and Accountability

This year is the seventh annual recognized International Wrongful Conviction Day on October 2, 2020. The theme of ‘Fighting for Justice and Accountability’ was created by the Innocence Network. Northern California Innocence Project would like to incorporate this theme as part of our first Wrongful Conviction Day Art Contest. To break it down, we are posing the question to our contestants: What does fighting for justice and accountability mean to you in terms of wrongful convictions? NCIP challenges contestants to examine the statistics and causes of wrongful conviction and use their artistic ability to bring about awareness, experience, and/or advocacy in fighting for justice and accountability.
Who is eligible to enter?
Eligibility Requirements

➢ Anyone who is affected by wrongful convictions and/or supports racial/social justice work and is against injustice.

➢ Anyone who is able to send submissions through email or google forms application.
Resources on Causes of Wrongful Convictions

- Eyewitness Error
- False Confessions
- Faulty Forensic Science
- Ineffective Assistance of Counsel
- Informants
- Official Misconduct
WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS

U.S. NATIONAL STATISTICS

2,662
EXONERATIONS
SINCE 1989

23,770
COLLECTIVE YEARS
SPENT WRONGFULLY INCARCERATED

RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF EXONERATED PEOPLE

- BLACK: 49%
- WHITE: 37%
- LATINX: 12%
- OTHER: 2%

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- PERJURY/FALSE ACCUSATION: 59%
- OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT: 54%
- EYEWITNESS MISIDENTIFICATION: 28%
- INADEQUATE LEGAL DEFENSE: 27%
- FALSE/MISLEADING FORENSIC EVIDENCE: 24%
- FALSE CONFESSION: 12%

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Timeline for WCD 2020 Art Contest

- **September 27**: Deadline for submissions by 5pm PST
- **September 28-29**: Finalists selected and notified by 5pm PST
- **October 1**: Deadline for finalists to confirm acceptance by 5pm PST
- **October 2**: Finalists featured on NCIP website and social media
What happens if my art is chosen?
Artwork Selected

1st Place:
- Featured on NCIP website and social media
- NCIP Sweatshirt and T-Shirt
- Signed Golden State Warriors Basketball

2nd Place:
- Featured on NCIP website and social media
- NCIP T-Shirt and socks

3rd Place:
- Featured on NCIP website and social media
- NCIP socks and key chain
How do I submit my artwork?
2 Ways to Submit Your Artwork

1. Complete this [**google form**]
2. Email a pdf version of your application and artwork submission to mcanny@scu.edu

Deadline to submit is September 27 by 5pm PST
Submissions should include...

1. Attachment of artwork you wish to submit. If you complete the google form or email your application, you will digitally send these attachments.

2. Each idea must be accompanied by a brief description that explains how it responds to the theme of ‘Fighting for Justice and Accountability’ [Maximum of 500 characters (about 80-85 words) as a written response].

3. Your contact and mailing information.
Rights and Responsibilities

1. Contributing artists retain the copyright for their original artworks, but grant their free, perpetual use by Northern California Innocence Project for promotional, educational, commercial, and fundraising activities online, in print, and in other forms.

2. In consideration of the collective advocacy nature of this project, it is understood that the artist is granting Northern California Innocence Project a perpetual license to exhibit, promote, and repurpose their selected image on www.ncip.org and in other promotional materials.

3. Artwork will always be accompanied with due credit to the contributing artist.
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- *First + Last Name
- *Pronouns (e.g. they/them/theirs, she/her/hers, he/him/his, xe/xem/zyrs, etc.)
- *Mailing Address
- *Email Address
- *Phone Number
- *How does your artwork respond to the theme [Max 500 characters (about 80–85 words)]
STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT - RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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By selecting “I agree” below, you are indicating that you understand the terms of agreement.

☐ I agree   ☐ I disagree
The function of freedom, is to free someone else.

—Toni Morrison
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