



Mural Arts Philadelphia February Special Events

Highlights Include Black History and Love Letter

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Mural Arts Philadelphia Black History Month Trolley Tour

Sunday, February 24, 12:30-2:30 PM

\$32 for adults, \$30 for seniors, and \$28

for students and kids under 12

2 hour trolley tour

Starting location: Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA), Hamilton Building, 128 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia



In honor of Black History Month, Mural Arts Philadelphia is offering a special mural trolley tour that explores civil rights, freedom, and equality. This rich collection of images highlights iconic African American figures within Philadelphia's visual autobiography. An experienced tour guide will discuss each mural, the artists, and the mural-making process. Experience firsthand how art ignites change. Explore the world's largest outdoor art gallery and get to know Philadelphia's stunning mural collection on a guided tour. Weave through diverse neighborhoods by trolley and get inspired by the incredible public art that makes Philadelphia the mural capital of the world.

Steve "ESPO" Powers Valentine's Day Print-Making Event

Thursday, February 14, 11 AM – 3 PM. Free. SEPTA Suburban, 16th Street and JFK Blvd., Concourse Level at Track O, Section A

Meet the muralist behind *Love Letter* and get a free Valentine gift for someone special. Steve Powers, artist and creator of the *Love Letter* project, will be live printing a special love image at the Suburban Concourse Station on Valentine's Day. Individuals can bring a garment to get printed for free while they wait or buy an already-printed garment. Limit two prints per person. Garments only, no paper, canvas, cardboard, or other flat media. Special thanks to partner SEPTA.

Mural Arts Philadelphia Valentine's Day Love Letter Tours

Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 17, 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM - both days \$23 per person, advanced reservations required

90-minute train tour. *Starting location: Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA), Hamilton Building, 128 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia*

Experience the power of murals by train. This special tour on Philadelphia's Market-Frankford elevated train line takes you through *Love Letter*, by noted street artist Steve ESPO Powers. In 2010, Powers collaborated with the West Philadelphia community to create *Love Letter* a public art project consisting of a series of 50 rooftop murals from 45th to 63rd streets along the Market Street corridor in West Philadelphia that reference

the city's history of painted building ads, with a twist: each mural is an open-ended love letter, from an artist to his hometown, from an individual to a neighborhood, from one lover to another. Hear the stories behind these murals on this exciting and unique tour from a professionally trained guide. The tour begins at PAFA with a short walk to the train. There are several stops along the ride to spot murals and a platform switch which is only accessibly by several flights of stairs; appropriate outdoor weather attire is strongly suggested.



The *Love Letter* Tours continue to be offered through Memorial Day: Saturdays, 10:30 AM – Noon and Sundays, 1-2:30 PM. Tickets are \$23 per person (includes a SEPTA token). SEPTA pass holders will receive a \$2 discount on *Love Letter* tours by using the discount code SEPTA (advanced ticket sales only).

Mural Arts Philadelphia is the nation's largest public art program, dedicated to the belief that art ignites change. For over 30 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative and equitable process, creating nearly 4,000 artworks that have transformed public spaces and individual lives. Mural Arts aims to empower people, stimulate dialogue, and build bridges to understanding with projects that attract artists from Philadelphia and around the world, and programs that focus on youth education, restorative justice, mental health and wellness, and public art and its preservation. Popular mural tours offer a firsthand glimpse into the inspiring stories behind Mural Arts' iconic and unparalleled collection, which has earned Philadelphia worldwide recognition as the "City of Murals." Follow along on social media: @muralarts on Twitter and Instagram, phillymuralarts on YouTube, and MuralArtsPhiladelphia on Facebook. To stay up on the latest news on Mural Arts, please visit www.muralarts.org.

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