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Calling all Artists: Paint a DSNY Collection Truck!

"Trucks of Art" Project to Highlight Sustainability and Honor New York's Strongest

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced "Trucks of Art", an opportunity for artists to put their artwork, focused on suitability or our workforce, on one of our collection trucks. As the Department is leading New Yorkers to send zero waste to landfills, artists will use paints that would otherwise be discarded or recycled. "Trucks of Art" is open to all artists, professional and amateur.

"This is the first time we're transforming our collection trucks into artists' canvases," said Acting Sanitation Commissioner Steven Costas. "Trucks of Art is also a zero-waste challenge: Artists will encourage recycling or honor New York's Strongest by using paints that would otherwise go to waste."

Those interested in applying should submit a short description of their idea, design mock-ups, and let us know why they want to be selected, along with contact details and a short biography to TrashTalk@dsny.nyc.gov. All submissions must be emailed by Sunday, March 31. The Department will choose finalists and provide them paint – from donated household latex paints to spray paints. The Department will provide access to the trucks for painting in April, before the trucks are publicly unveiled.

Full details of the Trucks of Art project, including full submission information, may be found at http://nyc.gov/truckart.



About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) promotes a healthy environment through the efficient management of solid waste and the development of environmentally sound long-range planning for handling refuse, including recyclables. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 695 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.