



**SYLVIA HERNANDEZ, FEATURED SPEAKER**

# Social Justice Quilt making

We are very honored to have Sylvia Hernandez as our featured speaker at the Quilt Show. She will talk about her quilting journey and her focus on social justice at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, 2023.



Born on the Lower East Side and raised in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, Sylvia Hernandez's love affair with art dates back to high school when she discovered a talent for drawing and painting while attending the High School of Art & Design in NYC.

Today, as a celebrated and self-taught master quilter, she is able to pinpoint how illustration brought her to her current fascination with fabric and sewing machines. Sylvia creates timeless, handcrafted works that address community and human rights issues. She has exhibited locally, nationally and internationally as a part of a number of high-profile art exhibitions.

These include Brooklyn Quilts Shows, Made in New York Quilt Show, the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Journey of Hope in America: Quilts Inspired by President Barack Obama, We Are the Story: A Visual Response to Racism in Minneapolis, Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories in the Fine Arts Museum of Boston, and currently in the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, and the James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art in Florida.

Her work has appeared in multiple publications including the *New York Times*. She is currently the president of the Quilters of Color of NYC and the former co-president of the Brooklyn Quilters Guild. She is also a member of Women of Color Network and is currently a teaching artist at El Puente Academy of Peace and Justice High School. She is the recipient of a two-year grant from Creative Rebuild NYC.

Sylvia has quilts in the private collection of Spike Lee, Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi and the Fine Arts Museum-Boston. She works out of her home studio in Brooklyn NYC, where she currently resides with her husband, Miguel.