

MÚCARO FOR PUERTO RICO



"The true purpose of art education is not necessarily to create more professional dancers or artists. It's to create more complete humans beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives." – Kelly Pollock

#MÚCARO4PR

(MOO-ka-roe), also known as the Puerto Rican Screech Owl, is the owl native to the island and the inspiration behind the Burning Man Honorary Art Grant Installation in 2017, the first to represent Puerto Rico at the event. Built to burn, our desert owl is gone, but our love for Puerto Rico lives on and is stronger now more than ever after the island was hit by 2 Category 5 hurricanes in September of 2017.

The catastrophic damage caused by these hurricanes has left the island with a continuous need for humanitarian relief and support rebuilding. Our mission is to use our creative building skills to help with these efforts by bringing the spirit of MÚCARO to Puerto Rico and create a special version of our magical owl. Standing tall at 22', MÚCARO will be a safe space for exploration, creativity, and education on subjects such as sustainable energy and building.

LOCATION

The Ricky Martin Foundation's, **Centro TAU** will be MÚCARO's permanent home in Loíza. Centro Tau is a non-profit organization committed to empowering and preventing the engagement of vulnerable children and youth in areas such as street violence, drug use, and human trafficking. An organization that is committed to creating a better future for our youth and within a town that was severely impacted by the hurricanes.

METHODOLOGY

The exterior of the owl will be constructed from repurposed fallen trees and rubble from the devastation hurricanes Irma and Maria caused throughout the island, including materials from structures that were destroyed, using the devastation as a source of inspiration.

GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved with the project. From funding to donating your time, your support will help bring this project into reality.

OUTREACH

We yearn to build with community, for the community. All materials and tools will be bought locally. We want to encourage locals, teachers, youth and children to participate in the construction. Once built, the space will be used as a classroom space. We are partnering up with **Ruckus Roots**, the **Ricky Martin Foundation** and **Project Backboard**, all seeking to provide skill to the people of the island, evoking imagination and creative solutions.

RUCKUS ROOTS

We are collaborating with Ruckus Roots, an LA-based 501(c)(3) non profit organization that merges the arts and sustainability into empowering, interactive experiences. Their mission is to create stronger, more sustainable communities by fostering connection, creativity and engagement.

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MÚCARO's next flight, Puerto Rico! The wise, woody owl is coming to its homeland to provide healing and inspiration after the devastation of the 2017 hurricanes creating a safe space for exploration, creativity, and education on subjects such as sustainable energy and building.

Please visit our GoFundMe campaign:

www.gofundme.com/mucaro-for-puerto-rico

More information about the project:

www.leaveitonino.com

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All funding will be used to build MÚCARO at Centro TAU in Loiza. Our hope is to help the island's economy plus inspire the community with the creative process.

El NiNo is available for an in person interview or by telephone.

End of fundraising: March 20, 2019
Install scheduled in April/May 2019

