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Creative-in-Residence and Entrepreneur-in-Residence Offer Workshops and Consultations at Ives Squared, September 2019 – January 2020

NEW HAVEN – The New Haven Free Public Library, an anchor institution of the Elm City Innovation Collaborative (ECIC), is excited to announce the new in-residence appointments in Ives Squared. Funded by the CTNext Innovation Places state grant awarded to ECIC, the Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) and Creative-in-Residence (CIR) will share their specialized skills through workshops and one-on-one office hours conducted at Ives Squared, situated in Ives Main Library, 133 Elm Street, beginning in September through January 2020.

Eric L. Rey will serve as the Entrepreneur-in-Residence. Eric is a dynamic speaker and facilitator with a talent for bringing people together to achieve their life goals. He began his career working with men and women returning home from incarceration to help them find the basics, such as a job and housing, to more elusive goals like fulfillment and resilience. Eric also serves as a coach to nonprofit executives, new entrepreneurs, and is a mediator and a trainer. Creating spaces of inclusion and safety are his strengths and reflect his passion for people. In addition to his private coaching practice through Potent Perspective Coaching, he also started a soup delivery service with his brother called Sopa! New Haven.

Eric will hold weekly office hours and create regular workshops in Ives Squared ranging from Chief Executive Artist to Women in Business and Keep Your Wits, a workshop to cultivate resilience and maintain purpose while starting a business.

Chris Ward will serve as the Creative-in-Residence. Chris is a filmmaker and educator living in New Haven. His directed documentary films have screened at Dok Leipzig, Big Sky, Boston Independent and Imagine Science Film Festivals, among others. In 2016, he graduated from the Documentary Film and Video program at Stanford University. Before moving to Connecticut, Chris lived in San Francisco and Los Angeles where he worked in a variety of film crew roles, including the sound and camera departments of films and shows featured Showtime, Netflix and PBS. Chris has taught at Ventura College, Loyola Marymount University and UCLA Extension, and is currently an Assistant Teaching Professor at Quinnipiac University.

Chris will hold weekly office hours and will create programs like Cell Phone Cinematography, Video Editing with Adobe Premier Pro, and The Video Essay and the Future of Creative Meaning Making in the Internet Age.

Visit www.nhfpl.org/ives-squared for more information and to register for workshops and appointments.

About Ives Squared

Ives Squared, the New Haven Free Public Library's award-winning innovation space, includes a makerspace, a collaborative working space and a café – all designed for technological exploration, networking and interactive learning. Ives Squared is made possible with support from CTNext, the Elm City Innovation Collaborative, the City of New Haven, and many generous donors.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 850,000 visitors annually through our front doors and digital portals, realizing its mission of fostering lifelong learning, inspiring curiosity, and building community through shared access to resources, experiences, and opportunities for all. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the Readmobile bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Stetson and Wilson. Now and tomorrow, the New Haven Free Public Library will transform lives and contribute to creating a strong, resilient, and informed community where everyone can thrive.



The New Haven Free Public Library is a 2019 winner of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The National Medal is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries for distinctive service to their communities. For more information, visit nhfpl.org.

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