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Arts Listing

Gallery of Souls exhibition, Cerimon House, 5131 NE 23rd Ave. Close to 3,000 origami Soul Boxes on display. Each Soul Box carries the name of a gunfire victim, an image or a statement about the gunfire epidemic. More info [@soulboxproject](http://TheSoulBoxProject.org). Tues. and Thurs. thru Feb. 12, 2:30 - 7:30 pm; Fri. Feb. 8, 2:30 - 7:30 pm; Sat. Feb. 9, 2:30 - 5:30. Admission is free.

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Art Reveals the Number of Gunfire Victims

Thousands of Soul Boxes on Display

The Soul Box Project - Gallery of Souls Exhibition

January 13 – February 12

Cerimon House, Alberta Arts District, 5131 NE 23rd Ave, Portland, OR

The Soul Box Project is a national community art project raising awareness of the U.S. gunfire epidemic by counting and honoring victims. In the tradition of other national art projects, like the AIDS Memorial Quilt, The Soul Box Project is collecting one hand-folded origami Soul Box to represent every person killed or injured by gunfire in the U.S. since 2014. So far, over 36,000 3- by 3-inch Soul Boxes have been collected from across the country.

The Soul Box Project was started by Portland artist Leslie Lee in October 2017 after the mass shooting in Las Vegas.

Gallery of Souls, opening Sunday, January 13 at Cerimon House in the Alberta Arts District showcases close to 3,000 Soul Boxes. Each Soul Box carries the name of a gunfire victim, an image or a statement about the gunfire epidemic.

Visitors will be invited to fold a Soul Box and add it to the display.

Opening Reception: Sunday, January 13, 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

Volunteers will train visitors to fold Soul Boxes and demonstrate how the exhibition panels are constructed. Soul Box Founder Leslie Lee and Cerimon House Founder Randall Stuart will speak at 3 pm.

Gallery of Souls Exhibit Hours:

Tuesdays, January 15 - February 12. 2:30 to 7:30 pm

Thursdays, January 17 - February 7. 2:30 to 7:30 pm

Friday, February 8. 2:30 to 7:30 pm
Saturday, February 9. 2:30 to 5:30 pm

Background

The Soul Box Project is a community art project to reveal the growing number of gunfire victims. Its mission is to have one handmade origami box for every person killed or injured by guns in the U.S. since 2014. That number tops 211,000.* In the tradition of other national art projects, like the AIDS Memorial Quilt, the goal is to display hundreds of thousands of Soul Boxes together, illustrating the staggering number of victims in a way that cannot be ignored.

Anyone can make a Soul Box and send it in. Since its launch in October 2017 over 36,000 Soul Boxes have been collected, each made by a person who cares about the ever-increasing number of gunfire victims in the U.S..

Although The Soul Box Project began as a way to visually reveal the number of victims, for people who take the time to fold a Soul Box by hand, it has proven to be a meditative, healing activity, whether done individually or as a group. Coming together to make Soul Boxes provides a chance to share experiences, remember victims and envision a more civil society free of fear. Faith groups, families, friends, art groups and activist organizations have all spent time folding together.

The act of folding is an activity that bridges the so-called gun divide, offering healing to anyone seeking solace. Violence, defense, accident or suicide – grief is grief, no matter how a person is shot. More information at SoulBoxProject.org and social media @soulboxproject

*All statistics from GunViolenceArchive.org