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CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES THIS YEAR'S GRAFFITI/STREET ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE AT LYNCH FAMILY SKATEPARK
Victoria DelValle, Ananda Toulon selected for this highly coveted paid public art position.



Graffiti/Street Artists-in-Residence Victoria DelValle (L) and Ananda Toulon (R) at Lynch Family Skatepark, East Cambridge, MA. Photo: Rayven Heath ([download hi-res image](#))

CAMBRIDGE, MA - May 19, 2026 - The [Charles River Conservancy](#), which works to make the Charles River and its parks healthy, welcoming urban spaces for all to enjoy, announced that local artists [Victoria DelValle](#) and [Ananda Toulon](#) were selected as this year's [Graffiti/Street Artists-in-Residence at Lynch Family Skatepark](#) in Richard McKinnon State Park. Chosen from

scores of applicants, the two artists will work cooperatively, and the 2026 skatepark residency marks the formal project debut of their work as a duo. DeValle and Toulon are the latest names in a continuation of a public art initiative launched last year, showcasing creativity, community, and skate culture along the river. A public celebration with the artists will take place at the skatepark on Saturday, May 30, 2026.

“Last year’s program was a huge success, and we were thrilled to get the chance to make it an annual one,” said Laura Jasinski, Executive Director of the Charles River Conservancy. “Bringing new graffiti/street artists each summer to Lynch Family Skatepark reflects the kind of vibrant, welcoming public spaces we want to continue creating along the river.”

Charles River Conservancy led the planning, design, and construction of the Lynch Family Skatepark which opened in 2015, and have consistently looked for ways to activate the community since then.

“This specific program grew out of countless conversations the [Skatepark Advisory Group](#) had with artists, skaters, neighbors, and public partners over the past three years,” said Taylor Leonard, Program Manager for Community Partnerships at the Charles River Conservancy. “This second year of responses exceeded our expectations, and it really highlighted the depth of talent and creativity within Greater Boston’s graffiti and street art community.”

As designated creative liaisons at the skatepark, DeValle and Toulon share not only their unique perspectives as diasporic Caribbean, Boston-based visual artists and femmes of color, but also their love of Lynch as a community canvas.

“I am most excited about being immersed in a very unique environment. Where else can you find something like this?! There’s nature, a vast infrastructure, and so many possibilities to build both shared and individually,” said Toulon. “I hope to highlight the community’s joys and by engaging, be inspired over the things that inspire them.”

“In this residency, I’m looking forward to allowing myself to be fully present at the skatepark—letting the things I see, hear, and feel all inspire the art that gets put up,” said DeValle. “We’ll be able to create something unique and fresh that we wouldn’t be able to replicate in any other scenario.”

Lynch Family Skatepark is owned and maintained by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

“Public parks are strongest when they reflect the creativity, culture, and energy of the communities that use them,” said DCR Commissioner Nicole LaChapelle. “The Charles River Conservancy has been an outstanding partner in helping make Lynch Family Skatepark a vibrant gathering space, and we’re proud to support a program that celebrates local artists while creating new ways for people to connect with this space and each other.”

The Charles River Conservancy will host a launch party to celebrate the program and the skate community:

Event:

Double Take: Skate, Paint, Imagine

Graffiti/Street Artists-in-Residence Launch Party

Meet Victoria and Ananda, catch live painting in action, skate, connect, or simply hang out and be free to be. Coordinated alongside DJ Rayvino, the skatepark event will have live sets, treats, skate and apparel vendors, and perfect summer vibes!

Location:

Lynch Family Skatepark

Education St, Cambridge, MA 02141

Date/Time:

Saturday, May 30, 2026

12pm-4pm

Rain or shine, free, all ages welcome

Details:

- Meet the Artists
- Watch live painting
- Street artists welcome to bring paint supplies and create on the [Free Walls](#)
- Live sets by local producers & DJs
- Gathering of creative community vendors
- Refreshments
- All wheels welcome

For more information visit <https://thecharles.org/our-work/lynch-family-skatepark/#airprogram> and follow [@CharlesRiverConservancy](#) on Instagram.