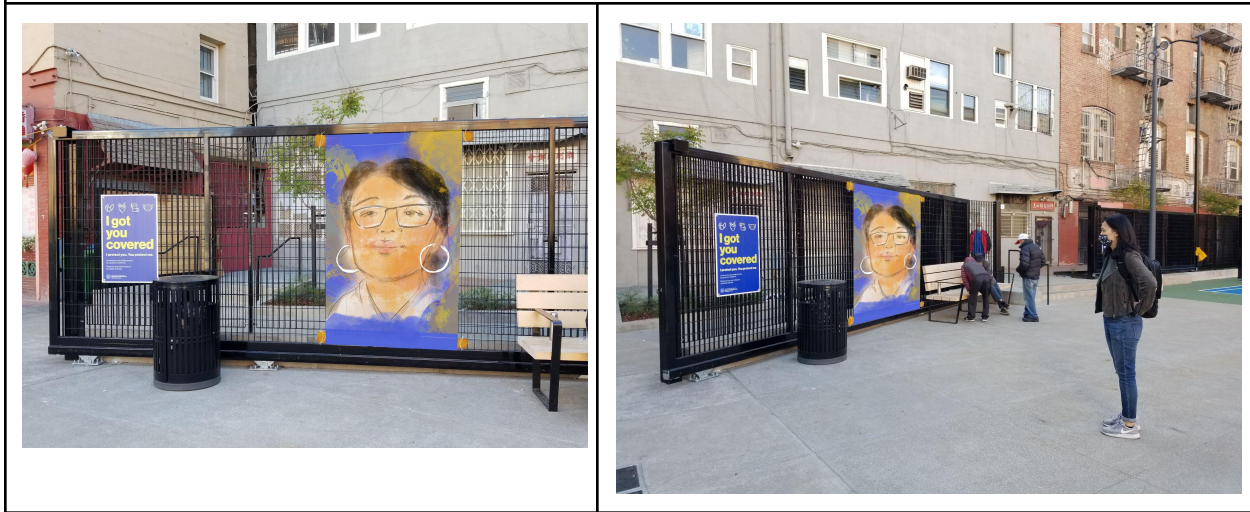


Scattered Home
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About the project

Scattered Home is a series of audio portrait banners depicting the lives of three intergenerational single room occupancy tenants in Chinatown. The word scattered home is a loose translation of the Cantonese word for single room occupancy (SRO): 散房 san fong, where tenants live in a typically 8x10 ft room often with multiple generations.

Each portrait will be hung in CT and has a code to bi-lingual audio recordings of each tenant's story on mental health, navigating a pandemic, and their futures. Each banner is a portrait of an SRO resident of Chinatown with a voicemail number where viewers can dial in to listen to audio vignettes of each tenant. This project is a featured piece of API Culture Center's 2021 United States of Asian American Festival: FORGING OUR FUTURES - SOMA & CHINATOWN. The piece will be installed the first week of June through the festival June 30, and if given permission, through the summer months into late August.

The storytellers include 2 youth from Chinatown Community Development Center's Youth for SROs and an elder who is a part of the SRO Families Collaborative. The storytellers include audio interviews with Anna, Kiki, and Huang Jie who chronicle their life as community leaders and caretakers. The purpose of this project is to highlight and tell the stories of local SRO tenants, their experiences as SRO tenants in the pandemic (from an intergenerational POV), their personal hopes and dreams for themselves and their families, told from a place of agency and power.

Installation

Life size vinyl banners (fitted according to location, see images in pg. 1). Each banner will have a wooden dowel on the top and bottom of the portrait where the banner will wrap around, to maintain structure. The ends of the wooden dowels will be zip tied to the gate / fence. There will be no residual marks made on the fences or gates.

Dimensions

82 in L x 58 in W

Materials

Vinyl Mesh Banner, Wooden Rod inserted through the top and bottom as weight and to create structure, Zip ties.

Text

There will be bi-lingual English & Chinese text on the bottom of the banner with the following:

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You are viewing Kiki's portrait, to listen to her story, dial: ###-###-###. For English, press # 8 for 中文, press #.

Audio Link

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iXHIZH-J5IKBBIJgrc5ATieBeRlj2rpC?usp=sharing>

