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## Sotheby's to auction George Floyd, Breonna Taylor sculptures

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*George Floyd and Breonna Taylor sculptures by Chris Carnabuci. Images courtesy of Sotheby's*

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Auction house Sotheby's has teamed up with [Confront Art](#) to auction sculptures of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, who were both killed by law enforcement officers last year, to support non-profits for justice and equality.

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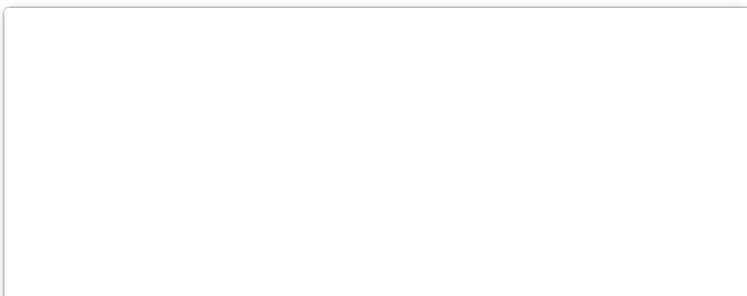
Proceeds from the auction will go toward non-profit organizations founded by their respective family members: We Are Floyd and the Breonna Taylor Foundation. The works will be offered during Sotheby's Contemporary Art auction, open for online bidding Dec. 9-17, and will be on public view at Sotheby's York Avenue galleries in New York from Dec. 9-15.

"We are still very much fighting for justice for Breonna," said Tamika Palmer, mother to Breonna Taylor, in a statement. "This project not only captures Breonna's spirit, but it is a monument standing for a call to justice for her, and the others who have suffered the same fate, and a beautiful way honor her life."

### Art for justice

The auction follows highly successful public pop-up exhibitions in Flatbush, Brooklyn and Union Square earlier this year, which attracted tens of thousands of viewers and global media attention.

Sculpted by artist Chris Carnabuci, the two works are part of a series that was part of Confront Art's "See Injustice" Series: George Floyd & Breonna Taylor, which was inspired by the stories that sparked the 2020 Black Lives Matter movement around the world.



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The George Floyd statue stands six feet tall and was recently refurbished following acts of vandalism against the sculpture during the Union Square exhibition, just two days after it was unveiled. It is estimated to sell for \$100-150,000.

The sculpture of Breonna Taylor measures approximately 45 inches tall, a small-scale version of a larger edition that was displayed alongside the George Floyd sculpture. It is the first edition produced by Mr. Carnabuci and is estimated to sell for \$20-30,000.

Both works are composed of more than 200 layers of plywood, showcasing the artist's signature style. Each layer is precisely measured, stacked and pinned to capture a realistic 3D portrayal of Mr. Floyd and Ms. Taylor.

The sculptures are based on 3D models by Daniel Edwards and Rodman Edwards.

Earlier this year, Sotheby's staged a selling exhibition dedicated to the creativity and craftsmanship of Black jewelry designers. The first of its kind, "Brilliant and Black: A Jewelry Renaissance" featured approximately 60 pieces from 21 of the world's leading Black jewelry designers.

Curated in partnership with writer, author and stylist Melanie Grant, the selling exhibition presented a selection of jewels with prices ranging from \$1,500 to \$1 million ([see story](#)).

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