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## WALLWORKS NEW YORK OPEN ITS LONG AWAITED CELEBRATION EXHIBITION OF A HISTORICAL PRINT PORTFOLIO!

**BRONX, NEW YORK (JULY 22, 2022)** – WALLWORKS NEW YORK is so excited to finally present a special group exhibition celebrating the *15 Years Above Ground* print portfolio!

15 Years Above Ground, Revisited is a celebration of this historic print portfolio that united seven powerhouse artists of the Graffiti scene, whom all experienced and gained recognition in the fine art world. The portfolio was originally printed by Nenad Bozic of NEBO Studios in 1995.

The portfolio brags an impressive line up that includes John CRASH Matos, Chris DAZE Ellis, Dondi White, Lenny FUTURA McGurr, Lee Quiñones, Sandra LADY PINK Fabara, and Andrew ZEPHYR Witten. A modest edition of 100, it is the only print that is signed by hand by Dondi White before his death.

Originally planned as a 25th anniversary exhibition that was delayed due to Covid-19, **15 Years Above Ground, Revisited** not only showcases the iconic portfolio, but also will exhibit works from each artist--some never before seen works from private collections and some from directly from the artists. A very select number of portfolios will be on sale, as well.

When asked to talk about this portfolio, Crash recalls:

I had a conversation with a friend that reminded me that it was 15 years since we did the exhibition at Fashion Moda...I was wondering what should we do to commemorate the anniversary and then it hit me, why not create a set of prints with 6-8 of the artists that were in the original Fashion Moda exhibition. Hence the birth of the portfolio, "15 Years Aboveground". 1980 was a busy year, with The Times Square Show, and Henry Chalfant's solo exhibition at O.K.Harris. The Fashion Moda exhibition opened that October, and the fire got lit...Circling back, many people have seen a couple of the prints on sale but have never seen the collection together.

**15 Years Above Ground, Revisited** will run from July 28 through September 2 and the exhibition can be visited during our summer gallery hours or by appointment. There is also an exclusive sticker pack produced for this exhibition. It is free for all gallery visitors or can be shipped for cost of shipping. One pack per visitor strictly enforced.