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Movement Strategy Center's March 2022 Community News



By [Melanie Cervantes](#), inaugural artist of [Art in Resistance](#).
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Hello Friends,

The world, the news, and our daily scrolling can seem a bit grim these days. **So, this month, we invite you to take some time to contemplate something joyful.** First of all, our second long pandemic winter is nearly over — daffodils and crocuses are emerging from the earth, the air is different, the birds are different: spring arrives in just ten days! The light is different too — daylight savings is Sunday! Yes, we lose a bit of sleep — but we gain all that light.

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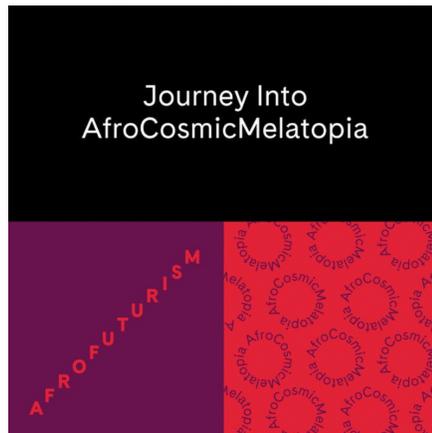
back in time — adding fascinating obituaries for the women (and people of color and queer individuals) who were passed over in real time for white dudes. Believe it or not, [Charlotte Brontë](#) and [Sylvia Plath](#) didn't get their *Times* obits until 2018! Spend some time with these: we suggest photographer [Diane Arbus](#), Bollywood's [Madhubala](#), and many others — a [disability rights activist/performer](#), a [trailblazing cartoonist](#), a [Harlem Renaissance writer](#), and a [fashion and punk scene luminary](#) who came to New York from Taiwan.

And NPR is exploring women in music with their Turning the Tables series — a series of pieces examining [the \(mostly Black\) women who invented American popular music](#); discussing a diverse range of femme [activist and anti-patriarchy music](#); highlighting the diversity and universality of [21st century music by women and femmes](#); and inviting women of every strip to tell us about the albums [that define their personal "canon" and changed their lives](#) — from the underrated virtuosity of [Roberta Flack](#) to the activist harmonies of [Indigo Girls](#), with [Salt-n-Pepa](#), [Kate Bush](#), and [Santigold](#) in between.

If art is more your thing — here's [a great list of exhibitions and events](#), some in person and some on-line, that celebrate feminist and women-created art. Or check out [some lists](#) of [great books](#) by and about and chosen by women ([including this epic list of lists!](#)) And, of course — [there's plenty to watch](#).

Take a break: **celebrate creativity and art. And women.**

Now, read on for some happenings from the MSC ecosystem:



The AfroCosmicMelatopia

Join MSC network partners [Intelligent Mischief](#) and [Wakanda Dream Lab](#) on March 25 at 6:30pm EST for a cosmic, immersive Afrofuturist experience as part of [Carnegie Hall's Afrofuturism festival](#). The in-person event, Journey into the AfroCosmicMelatopia, will transport you into this future world, with live sets by DJ Reborn and DJ mOma, augmented reality, visual art, and dance experiences curated by Ytasha L. Womack. This in-person event in New York City is intended for those over the age of 21; light snacks and beverages will be served. Buy your tickets [here](#).

Envisioning Participatory Development

Catch the last session of [Vision Power Solutions](#), a 12-workshop series based on [the Framework for Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning](#). Driven by the voices of grassroots leaders from across the country who exemplify community-centered vision, power, and solutions, and hosted by [Facilitating Power](#), this workshop builds leadership capacity among facilitators, organizers, leaders, and educators from (and accountable to) Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities. Sign up [here](#).



Safe and Just Communities

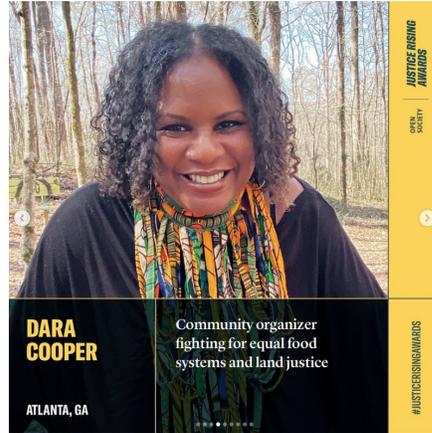
The district attorney holds immense power in deciding the future of an individual, their family and loved ones, and the larger community. On

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Recognizing Leadership

We are proud to recognize Dara Cooper for being one of 16 Black leaders honored by [Open Society #JusticeRisingAwards](#) for her long-term contributions to the movement for racial justice and equality in the United States. Cooper is an anchor team member of MSC partner [HEAL Food Alliance](#) (Health, Environment, Agriculture, and Labor). These visionary leaders innovate and mobilize people despite considerable odds — advancing change and inspiring a greater sense of what's possible. Get to know all the recipients of the #JusticeRisingAwards and their transformative achievements [here](#).



Help Wanted!

[The People's Climate Innovation Center \(PCIC\)](#), formerly Climate Innovation, is looking for a [communications manager](#) to manage use of PCIC's digital platforms, including the website, social media accounts, email and other dissemination tools. This person will publish and promote marketing, editorial, and fundraising content and will have strong aesthetic instincts for digital layouts and publishing; a keen understanding of major social media platforms; and a passion for digital strategy.

[BPY100 \(Black Youth Project 100\)](#), a member-based organization of Black youth activists creating justice and freedom for all Black people, is seeking an [Organizing Director](#) to provide strategic direction of the shape of their organizing team. If you are passionate about political strategy and clear on what it means to be an abolitionist and freedom fighter — this job might be for you!

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