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Planned Parenthood

1200 Lagoon Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55408

***WHERE THERE’S PEOPLE, THERE’S POWER***

The photographs of KingDemetrius Pendleton, July 8 – August 6, 2022

In association with the LynLake Street Art Series

**Minneapolis, MN** Photos by KingDemetrius Pendleton will line the main lobby and exterior windows of Planned Parenthood, 1200 Lagoon Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55408, from July 8-August 6, 2022. An opening reception for the artist will be held Friday, July 8, from 5-7 pm with additional viewing hours July 16 and 17, from 1-5 pm. Exhibition is visible 24 hours a day from the street, and the lobby gallery is accessible Monday-Saturday during regular business hours.

Although the social justice movement in Minnesota gained momentum after the killing of George Floyd, KingDemetrius Pendleton has been on the frontlines since 2014 as an independent photographer. His focus is grassroots organizations and the communities they represent. KingDemetrius documents protests, press conferences, fundraisers, and angelversaries of those who have lost their lives to police violence. BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities are regularly discriminated against by police and a network of healthcare, housing, education, banking, and judicial systems. KingDemetrius’ work uplifts the voices of those staunchly committed to fighting for racial, social, and economic equality.

Quite notably, KingDemetrius served as a pool reporter during the Derek Chauvin trial in the summer of 2021, an opportunity that was only bestowed upon a few independent journalists. The personal reflections he wrote after each day in court were new to his repertoire and touched the hearts of many. During Black History Month of the same year, he received recognition as a **Minnesota Black History Maker** by the Hennepin County Library. The non-profit arts group, In Progress, included his photos in their **up.RISING Exhibit**. He has also been presented a **Facing Race Award** by the Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation, an **Unsung Hero’s Award** by the McKnight Foundation, and a **Liberation Lens: Outstanding Movement Journalist Award** by the Racial Justice Network. In May 2022 he held his first photo exhibition and published his first book, *The Movement Never Stops.*

Follow KingDemetrius Pendelton and Listen Media USA on Instagram and Facebook. Photos are available for purchase at [**bit.ly/KDPSMUG**](http://paypal.me/BlackCNNListenMedia). Books and photos also available on weekends in the Planned Parenthood lobby.

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