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On Thursday, December 20th, Creative Time and the Alliance for Downtown Help a South Carolina Artist Give Over 4,000 Paintings Free to Lower Manhattan's Residents and Workers in Honor of Those Lost on September 11th.

Thursday, December 20 Creative Time, with the assistance of the Alliance for Downtown, will distribute over 4,000 handmade watercolors to workers and residents in Lower Manhattan. The paintings, made by Mark Malmgren of Clemson, South Carolina, in honor of those missing since the 9.11 tragedies, are gifts to the downtown community and will be distributed for free in the spirit of healing after September 11th.

On September 15th Mark Malmgren began painting watercolors at a rate of 75 a day in an effort to “counterbalance the destruction with creativity.” The paintings are mostly of flowers in pots or freestanding and delicate greenery, sparsely wrought in black pen and dappled with watercolors. Numbered, signed and dated, the 4000+ unique paintings are simple gestures intended to enliven and brighten the lives of downtown residents and workers. Mr. Malmgren found Creative Time when he drove a selection of the watercolors to New York City seeking assistance in distributing his paintings to New Yorkers.

“These are unusual times,” Mr. Malmgren said, “and we are all searching for a way to use our talents and energy to help. This is simply my way of doing that. This is my gift to a city and people that have given me so much.” Creative Time was eager to embrace his profound gesture and, according to his wishes, will distribute Mr. Malmgren’s paintings to the downtown community. Creative Time hopes that the humanity and kinship in giving the paintings to New Yorkers will help to promote healing and unity—both of particular importance during this season of reflection and giving.

A team of volunteers will deliver Mr. Malmgren’s paintings to specific points chosen by Creative Time and the Alliance for Downtown in Lower Manhattan on December 20th. The specified points will be listed on Creative Time’s website, www.creativetime.org. For more information on the Alliance for Downtown please go to www.downtownny.com.

Creative Time is a nonprofit arts organization with a 30-year history of presenting public arts projects of all disciplines through both grassroots activism and highly prominent venues. From the Brooklyn Bridge Anchorage, Grand Central Terminal and Times Square to milk cartons, billboards, and skywriting over New York City, Creative Time has a long and distinguished history of commissioning and presenting art that enhances the public realm, inspires and provokes discussion of socially relevant topics such as domestic violence, HIV/AIDS pandemic, genetic engineering, and now, the recuperation of New York City in the face of terrorism. www.creativetime.org.