

Mark Mothersbaugh + Beatie Wolfe Collect Postcards for Democracy To Save USPS

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'1-800-19-COVID' by Charlotte Tarantolo

In 2020, the United States Postal Service (USPS) was thrown into the spotlight during the presidential election. The USPS, an independent agency of the federal government, has been cash-strapped for years and then it was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic which saw fewer people buying postage and products that keep it funded. Enter the Trump-elected Postmaster General, Louis DeJoy, who immediately began making cuts that have led to major slowdowns in mail delivery and substantial financial and legal ramifications. With a shared love of “tangible artforms,” multi-hyphenates Mark Mothersbaugh and Beatie Wolfe came together and organized a postcard art demonstration called *Postcards for Democracy*.

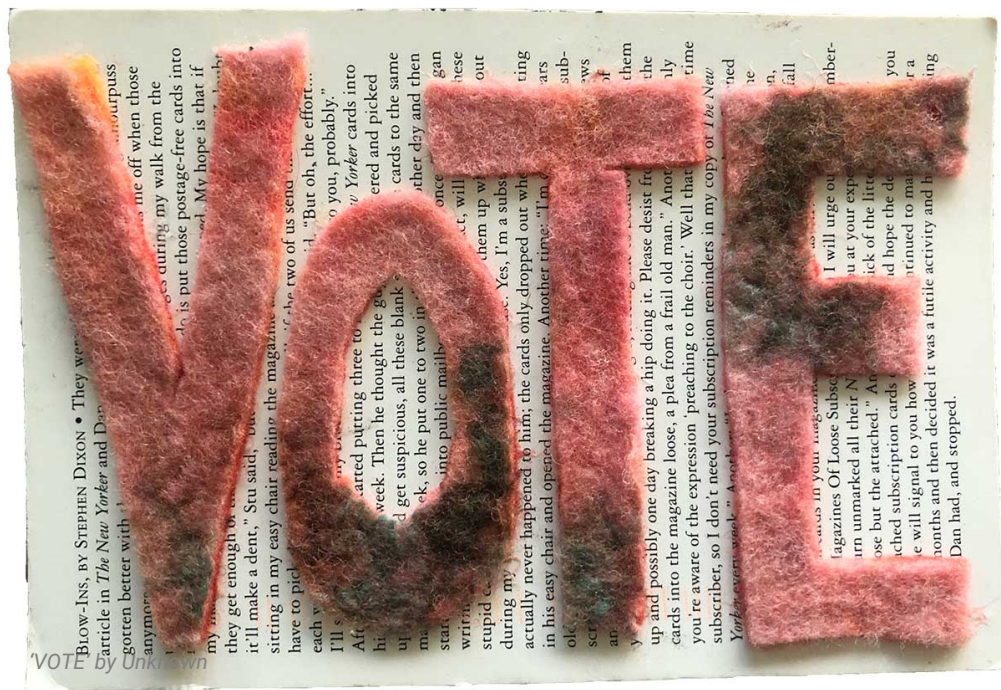
The duo encouraged, and still welcomes, anyone and everyone to join the collective art piece while also helping to support the USPS by buying stamps. The project began last year but they're continuing to accept postcards until August 8th, 2021.

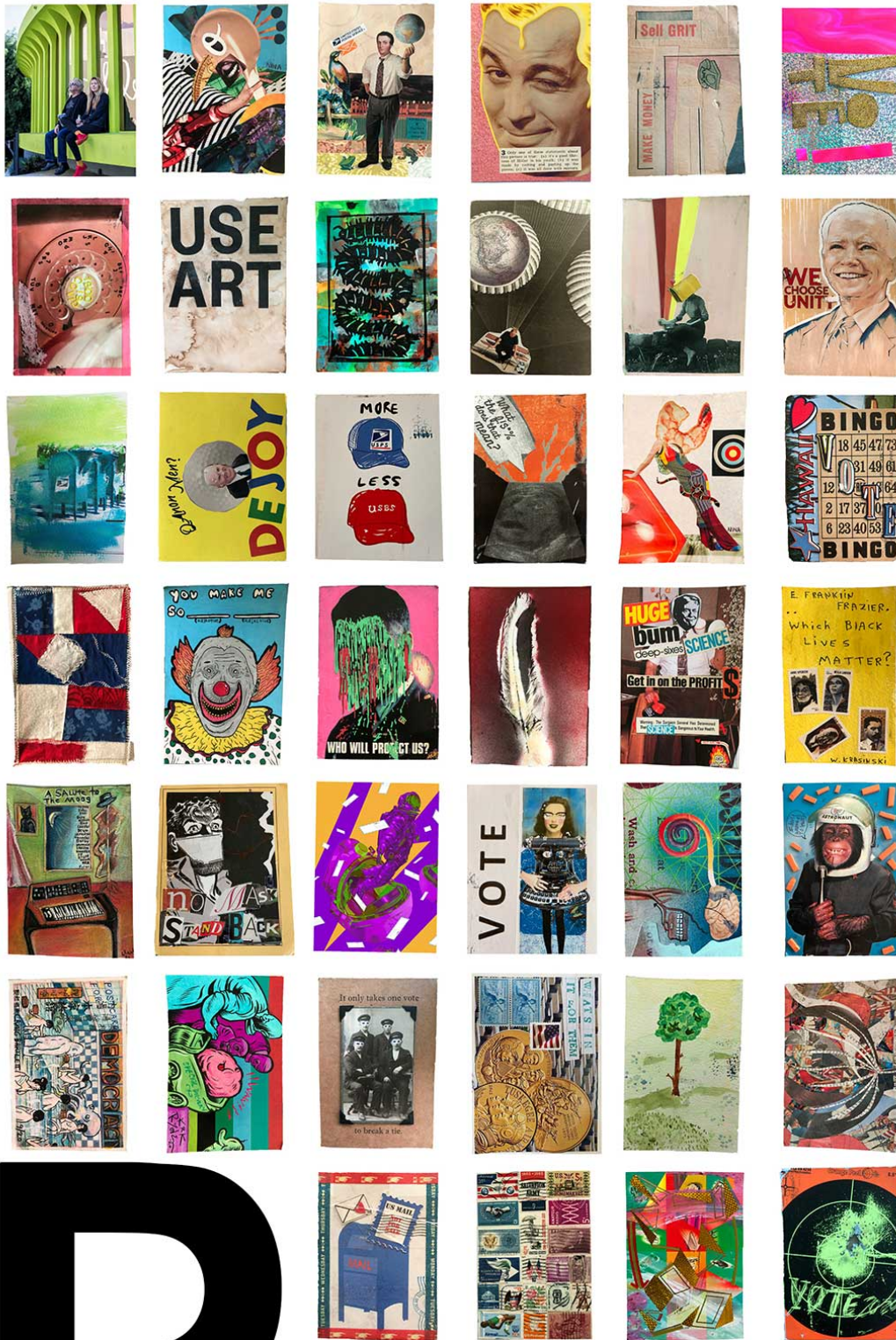
Watch Mark Mothersbaugh + Beatie Wolfe discuss the project further [Video directed by Ross Harris]:
<https://player.vimeo.com/video/459474623>

A sampling of some of the postcards they've received so far



'Public Service not Private Profit' by Joan E. Bromley





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MARK Mothersbaugh & BEATIE Wolfe

36¢ each postcard.

Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW



Mark Mothersbaugh and Beatie Wolfe at Mutato \\\ Photo: Ross Harris

If you're wondering what will become of the art-filled postcards, they'll be on display at the Postcards for Democracy site-specific exhibition at the **Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW in Fort Myers, Florida, from May 17th – August 8th, 2021**. Any postcards that don't arrive in time for the physical installation will be featured digitally via projectors at the exhibition.

Inspired to join the cause? Buy USPS stamps, make postcard art, and then mail it to:

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