Art for Universal Health Coverage
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OBJECTIVES
Art for Universal Health Coverage
- Community driven call to action for delegates
- Mobilize to join the movement through collective action
- Communicate ‘6 Key Asks’ through artistic expression
- Address public health inequalities through art

INTRODUCTION
Art can act as a tool to address social determinants of health and to communicate public health needs to international policy makers.

‘Art for UHC’ was a part of, ‘Walk the Talk New York City: The Health for All Challenge’, a 5K fun run, that took place on September 22, 2019 leading up to the United Nations-High Level Meeting (UN-HLM) on UHC during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) week. The UN-HLM on UHC advocates mobilization of high-level political attention globally and within communities.

The centralized theme for UHC were ‘6 Key Asks’, a consolidated set of asks by international stakeholders to feed into political declaration for UHC.

METHODS
Art for UHC was displayed and created as a ‘Stationary Exhibit’ and a ‘Live Exhibit’ along the running/walking trail on September 22, 2019.

Stationary Exhibit
International artists submit their works to be displayed

Live Exhibit
Artists collaboratively contribute to a blank canvas

RESULTS
4,000 PARTICIPANTS
9,140 SIGNATURES

The event was hosted and co-collaborated by the WHO, City of NY, UHC2030, World Bank, and UN and took place in Central Park on 22 September 2019.

Exhibited during the “UHC2030 Reception: Toast to the UHC Movement” at the Millennium Hilton New York UN Plaza for international delegates participating in the UNGA.

FUTURE IMPLICATIONS
‘Art for Universal Health Coverage’ is one of a three part art exhibit called ‘Art to Act for Health’ displayed internationally.

- Further involvement of the community as key public health stakeholders in achieving UHC by 2030
- Arts informed by thinking in public health can play a significant part internationally in addressing inequalities in health
- The complete exhibit is scheduled to be displayed at Vanderbilt University’s Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, & Public Policy in August 2020.
- First step in creation of an international artist community focused on achieving Sustainable Development Goals

For more information: https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2019/09/22/default-calendar/walk-the-talk-new-york-the-health-for-all-challenge
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