

## PROSPERITY SOCIAL CLUB

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## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE EMOH Sculptor Loren Naji Kicks Off Message-Driven Multi-City Art Performance at Prosperity Social Club during Walkabout Tremont

(CLEVELAND, OH) <u>Loren Naji</u> created an eight-foot, over 1,000-pound sphere from the remnants of demolished houses. The orb—which will debut in front of <u>Prosperity Social</u>

<u>Club</u> on <u>Friday</u>, <u>September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm</u> as part of <u>Walkabout Tremont</u>—is an artistic statement on homelessness, vacancy and the environment. "There are boarded up homes ruining our communities while homeless people often sleep unsheltered," asserts Naji, who characterizes the country's housing system as "backwards". "Meanwhile, the vacant houses that are torn down produce an abundance of toxic garbage."

Emoh (Home, spelled backwards) has an audio component that juxtaposes the familiar sounds of daily life with newscasts covering vacancy and environmental issues. A traveling time capsule, the sculpture will leave Cleveland on a nine-city tour, picking up landfill-destined items from contributors on the way to its ultimate destination, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Once there Naji will eat, sleep and live inside the Earth-shaped temporary shelter during three weeks of <a href="https://example.com/ArtPrize 2016">ArtPrize 2016</a>.

"We're honored that Loren wants to 'unveil' Emoh at Prosperity Social Club," says owner Bonnie Flinner. "We invite everyone to come down and get a 360-degree view of his multi-layered passion project." To celebrate this journey's kickoff, the neighborhood pub will be mixing up a special Bon Voyage Emoh Cocktail, chilled with round ice balls for \$9.00. And 5% of the proceeds from **all food and drink sales** that evening will be donated to St. Augustine's Hunger Center on West 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Following the big statement piece, <u>Brittany Reilly Band</u> shares its big sound—a one-of-a-kind fusion of honkytonk, bluegrass, blues, American and psychedelic jam influences—from **9pm-midnight**, no cover charge.

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**About Prosperity Social Club:** Residing in an original 1938 barroom, Prosperity Social Club is open to the public, being a social club only in a figure of speech, behavior and attitude; a tip of the hat to a past era. Prosperity Social Club offers a full-service bar, great microbrews, a variety of affordable wines, performances by an array of talented musicians, a friendly staff and a smart, eclectic clientele. The kitchen stays open for late night dining with a sophisticated, tavern-style menu (that even accommodates vegetarians). It's a true Cleveland experience. <a href="https://www.prosperitysocialclub.com">www.prosperitysocialclub.com</a>

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