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UNBROKEN x Orlando
Sunday, August 30, 2026
5–9 p.m.
Mills Gallery



UNBROKEN National Storytelling Project Brings Its Next Gallery Experience to Orlando

Free August 30 event at Mills Gallery uses portraiture, storytelling and community connection to honor lives affected by overdose—and build toward the project's first public mural

ORLANDO, Fla. — The UNBROKEN Project, a growing national portrait and storytelling initiative created by photographer, storyteller and prevention advocate Anthony Alvarado, will bring its next gallery experience to **Mills Gallery in Orlando on Sunday, August 30, from 5–9 p.m.**

Presented in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day, the free community event will invite guests to walk through the gallery, read stories, honor loved ones and connect through coffee, music and conversation. Attendees impacted by overdose, grief, recovery or resilience will also have the opportunity to share their own stories and be photographed as part of the expanding national project.

UNBROKEN began after Alvarado lost his 17-year-old son, Gavyn, to accidental fentanyl poisoning in 2020.

“What began as a way for me to process the loss of my son has grown into something much bigger,” Alvarado said. “At every stop, people walk into the gallery carrying grief, recovery, love and stories they may have never shared publicly. UNBROKEN gives those stories somewhere to live. Gavyn’s story isn’t over—and neither are the stories of the people and families we meet along the way.”

Orlando is the next stop in a national tour that began earlier this year at The Art Garage in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Confirmed 2026 activations will continue at Milwaukee Makers Market in Milwaukee, Coalition Space in Tucson, Arizona, and Vizion Art Gallery in Philadelphia.

The project is also in early conversations with potential partners in Knoxville, Los Angeles, Chicago, Phoenix and other communities for 2027. Additional locations will be announced as partnerships and dates are confirmed.

Each stop is shaped through collaboration with local galleries, artists, community organizations, families and sponsors. These partnerships help UNBROKEN collect new portraits and stories while creating an experience that reflects the community hosting it.

The Orlando activation is presented in collaboration with Mills Gallery, with sponsorship support from the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office and Faith Over Fear. Faith Over Fear’s sponsorship honors the life of Miguel Guzman, who was also lost to overdose.

“Art heals communities because it gives people a reason to see one another. - Boris Garbe, founder and lead gallerist of Mills Gallery

While UNBROKEN honors those who have been lost, the project is also rooted in prevention and action. By making stories visible, creating honest conversations and connecting communities with education and lifesaving resources, the project seeks to challenge stigma, reduce isolation and remind people they are not alone.

The national tour is also building toward a larger goal: transforming the collected portraits and stories into permanent public art. By August 31, 2027, UNBROKEN aims to install its first large-scale public mural after traveling the country and gathering stories from communities affected by overdose.

“This isn’t meant to disappear when the gallery closes,” Alvarado said. “The mural is the next evolution of the project—a permanent reminder that these lives mattered, these stories matter and prevention requires us to keep showing up. UNBROKEN is not a memorial. It is a living space where grief becomes connection, storytelling becomes action and people are reminded that they are still here.”

UNBROKEN x Orlando is free and open to the public. No registration or prior participation is required.

EVENT DETAILS

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Sunday, August 30, 2026
5–9 p.m.
Mills Gallery
1650 N. Mills Avenue
Orlando, FL 32803
Admission: Free

Facebook Event:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DEobGNtmu/>

Mills Gallery Event Page:
<https://millsgalleryorlando.com/upcoming-events>

Learn More About The UNBROKEN Project:
<https://www.anthonyalvarado.com/unbroken>

ABOUT THE UNBROKEN PROJECT

The UNBROKEN Project is a national portrait and storytelling initiative created by Anthony Alvarado after the loss of his son, Gavyn, to accidental fentanyl poisoning. Through intimate gallery experiences, community partnerships, portraiture and public art, UNBROKEN honors lives lost, lifts up stories of recovery and resilience, and creates opportunities for connection and overdose prevention. The project is traveling to communities across the country while collecting stories for future exhibitions and large-scale public mural installations.

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