



Sister Mary Corita Kent

Corita Kent (1918 - 1986), a prolific artist, educator, and peace activist, made it her life's work to spread her conviction that each one of us is responsible for working towards creating a peaceful world. A former nun at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles, Corita was a contemporary of Andy Warhol in the Pop Art movement and admired his use of bold, graphic, and well-known advertising imagery. She used the process of silk-screening to create thousands of prints with beautifully worded text and quotes. Corita was adamant that her prints remained affordable and available.

Best known for her design of the Rainbow Swash that appears on a large gas tank along the Southeast Expressway, Corita was commissioned in 1983 by Physicians for Social Responsibility, which shared the Nobel Peace Prize with their sister organization International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, to design a sign for their BillBoard Project. The idea behind this initiative aligned perfectly with Corita's use of Pop Art's advertising sensibilities: "The idea is to put it before people's eyes every day, until eventually they realize they are a part of 'We.'"

"We can Create Life Without War" was placed at a billboard near her famous gas tank; Ackerley Communications donated the original billboard space and secured another 30 throughout the Commonwealth. A limited edition of silkscreens with the same image was released at the same time. Corita called this project "the most religious thing she's done." It is with the generous and enthusiastic permission by the Corita Arts Center in Los Angeles that these replicas of the "We Can Create Life Without War" original silkscreens were made; all funds from the sale of each \$20 poster will be used to continue and expand the work and mission of Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility and Corita Kent.

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