

## ***Chow Down With Mr. Wonderful***

BR163 solo exhibition

January 16 – February 3, 2016

Opening Reception:

Saturday January 16, 2016 5-8pm

**BRONX, NY (JANUARY 10, 2016)** – **WALLWORKS NEW YORK** is proud to announce our first show of 2016, a solo exhibition of local emerging artist Branden “BR163” Rodriguez.

BR163’s first solo exhibition, *Chow Down With Mr. Wonderful*, will feature the young artist’s well known Buddha-inspired character Mr. Wonderful. BR163 mixes his background in Graffiti and his talents acquired from FIT to create a style that is purely his own.

### **ABOUT BR163:**

*Born in 1993, Branden Rodriguez, also known as BR163, was raised in The Bronx, New York. Beginning at the age of 5, he was influenced by the TATSCRU through tagging in his basement. He then decided to attend Fashion Institute of Technology in 2012 to pursue a BA in Fine Arts.*

*With a combination of Fine Arts studies and his roots in Graffiti, BR163 was immediately recognized by fine artist Jeffrey Way. He then transitioned from the streets to galleries by 2014. “I am grateful and appreciate all the opportunities WALLWORKS NEW YORK has given me to grow in the art field that I am passionate about.”*

*Alongside completing public art projects with TATSCRU and WALLWORKS NEW YORK, he continues to collaborate with numerous artists as well as showcasing his works at group exhibitions throughout New York.*

### **ABOUT WALLWORKS NEW YORK:**

*A new contemporary art gallery, WALLWORKS NEW YORK is invested in bringing exciting and interesting art back to the Bronx. The passion project of John CRASH Matos and Robert Kantor, the gallery exhibits work from both local artists and artists from all over the world, both established and emerging.*