

## Free Teen Programming

As a branch of our Pathways Programs, Hyde Park Art Center's Free Teen programming supports South Side teens particularly interested in the visual arts. Teen artists are given the opportunity to experiment with multiple mediums, develop their portfolio and meet with working artists. With access to Oakman Clinton School and Studios, the Thurow Digital lab and the Guida Creative Wing the Hyde Park Art Center works to endure the city's future artist and cultural leaders have a support system.

The Pathways initiative offers scaffolded K-12 visual arts education for youth in our surrounding communities. Support for Pathways is provided by: Allstate Insurance Company, The Chicago Community Trust, Harper Court Arts Council, Lloyd A. Fry Foundation, and Polk Bros. Foundation.

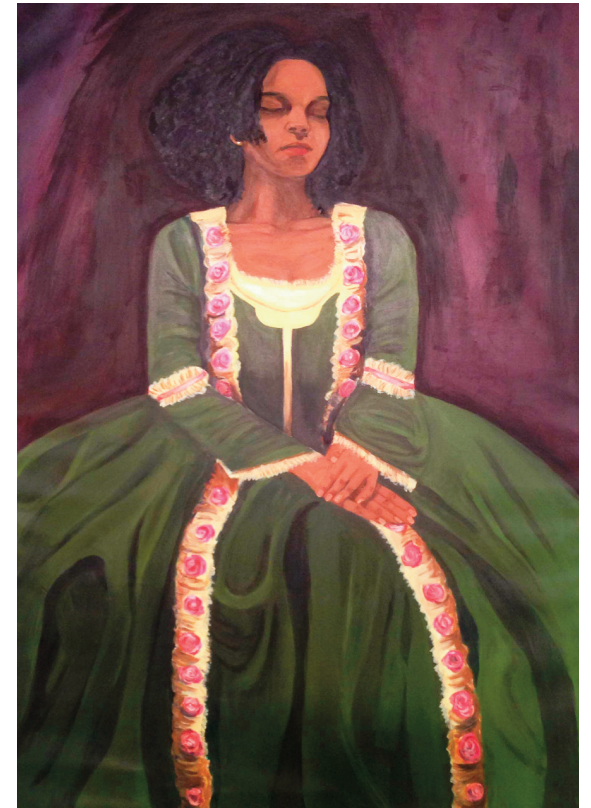
To learn more about Pathways visit [hydeparkart.org/youth-education](http://hydeparkart.org/youth-education).

## Project supported by:



## Artshop: Beyond the Mirror

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Cleve Carney Gallery



Akira Mabon, *Untitled*, 2016, oil and Acrylic on Canvas, 72 x 48 inches

## Hyde Park **ART**CENTER

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Hyde Park Art Center is a unique resource that advances contemporary visual art in Chicago by connecting artists and communities in unexpected ways. The Art Center is funded in part by the: Alphawood Foundation; Andy Warhol Foundation for Visual Arts; a City Arts III grant from the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events; Field Foundation of Illinois; Harpo Foundation; Harper Court Arts Council; Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; The Irving Harris Foundation; The Joyce Foundation; Leo S. Guthman Fund; Lloyd A. Fry Foundation; MacArthur Fund for Arts and Culture at Prince; Polk Bros. Foundation; Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust; and the generosity of people like you.

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Works by:

- Akira Mabon
- Ariel Guerra
- Asha Merriweather
- Dante Jones\*
- Edisa Perez
- Genevieve Liu
- Jenna Washington\*
- Kendall Mensah
- Lauren Calvin
- Leah Basa
- Maiya Dickerson
- Nicholas Pelster-Johnson
- Nicole Jourdain
- Noah Polk\*
- Shawntierra Moore\*
- Storm Moore
- Sydney Falls
- Unique Kimbrough
- Will Curry

\*ArtShop Alumn



Asha Merriweather, *Untitled*, 2016, oil and acrylic on canvas, 48 x 60 inches

*Beyond the Mirror* features artwork by Hyde Park Art Center’s teen artists and alums. Over the course of 20 weeks, 20 teens focused their talents to create works of art that are reflective of topics that impact them on a daily basis. This includes subjects of identity, race, activism, cultural appropriation, personal histories, pop cultural and dream states. While negotiating these topics are rarely simple, teens utilized various art forms as a means of presenting their interests and questions to their community.

Artshop is part of a larger education initiative at the Art Center called Pathways, a K-12 learning track that focuses on a core group of South Side schools to develop students’ art-making skills, support them in becoming more engaged learners and facilitate the growth of their creative identities.

Through Pathways, Hyde Park Art Center works collaboratively with Chicago Public Schools’ (CPS) classroom instructors to develop impactful arts curricula that enable students to learn technical art skills and discover how to express themselves creatively. From classroom instruction to individualized mentorship to field trips and free studio art classes at the Art Center, Pathways provides youth artists with

a variety of cultural experiences and diverse peer and mentor groups to deliver an innovative, meaningful learning experience. The Art Center is dedicated to the idea that students from all backgrounds deserve access to arts instruction and creative learning experiences. The efforts of those involved combine to create a deep and long-term investment in South Side communities and the students who go to school there, providing scaffolded arts learning from Kindergarten through high school.

Through Pathways and other programs that focus on Hyde Park Art Center’s surrounding community on Chicago’s South Side, the organization works to ensure Chicago’s future artists and cultural leaders have a support system, equitable access to opportunities and resources within the arts and are representative of the rich diversity that makes Chicago great.

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Teen Programs Coordinator



Sydney Falls, *Genevieve Liu*, 2016, digital print 21 x 15 inches



Maiya Dickerson, *Dim Var*, 2016, toner prints on double paper, dimensions variable