

ORIGINS OF THE SELF



ORIGINS OF THE SELF is the 10th biennial youth art exhibition organized by CAMH's Teen Council. Drawing from an open call, the Teen Council received almost 400 submissions responding to the questions: What is the real you? Where is the real you? How do you define the real you in a constantly changing landscape?

The exhibition features 85 works by 63 Houston-area teens in a variety of media including photography, video, and sculpture. **ORIGINS OF THE SELF** focuses on themes of personal identity. The exhibition is family friendly, but does include works that have suggestions of nudity (i.e. a person in a bathtub) and references to witchcraft (in the video, **HOODOO CLEANSING** by Elle Cox). Overall, the work is made by students and dealing with issues that they face in a world overwhelmed by social media as they experience adolescence, growing independent of their family and friends.

We encourage young visitors to pick up the Family Guide from the front desk and use this to explore the current exhibitions.

ABOUT CAMH'S TEEN COUNCIL

The Teen Council is a group of dedicated high school students who are employed by the museum to create programming for their peers. Council members participate in a two year program where they receive in-depth, behind-the-scenes museum experience; learn about pathways to creative careers; and develop leadership, collaboration, and critical thinking skills while gaining real-world experience planning exhibitions and events in a museum setting. Applications to CAMH's Teen Council are available online Spring 2017.

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Every other year, CAMH's Teen Council organizes an exhibition in the Zilkha Gallery featuring new work by young, Houston-area artists. The Teen Council members work collaboratively to select the theme, title, and artworks featured in the exhibition while assisting with the design, installation, printed exhibition catalogue, and related programming.