Where Do We Go From Here?

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

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Where Do We Go From Here? This exhibition’s title was posed as a question to over 100 teen artists from across Houston. The resulting artworks—ranging from painted collage to abstract sculpture—disrupt societal norms and boldly confront challenging topics through the lens of change. From recent socio-political upheaval to personal rebirth, these teen artists have a great deal to express about the contemporary world.

The works included in this exhibition reflect varying and diverse lived experiences and emphasize that identity is never stagnant nor singular. It shifts as a result of various catalysts, including pandemic isolation, bodily changes, and pressure to define oneself. Each tribulation defines an arc, taking these transformative experiences and making something new. Today’s youth have taken differing approaches to move forward. Whether collecting ephemera, meditating on people and fragments of lost identity, or shedding younger skin, momentum is critical. Pushing back against stagnation, these artists bear their own weight through new independence as they face their futures.

Where Do We Go From Here? depicts the artists’ responses to varying catalysts in their lives. Despite the challenges they face, the artists choose to stay true to their upbringing as they confront change, while still honoring their unwavering sense of self in an unfamiliar world. They also navigate the understanding of their individuality, forging a unique identity between contrasting realities. Each of the 25 artists find power through new personas, examining the world through their own looking glass to shed past selves and discover a multiplicity of new possibilities.

About CAMH’s Teen Council
Composed of young arts enthusiasts, Teen Council serves as the Museum’s vehicle for attracting the city’s teen population to CAMH and exposing them to the vibrant field of contemporary art. For council members, the group serves as a highly collaborative creative incubator that opens up opportunities for leadership, visual literacy, and life skill development. During weekly meetings, the council is introduced to the inner workings of museums and to the dynamic Houston arts community. Teen Council activities are decided upon by its members and can change from year to year, with past events developed by the Teen Council including virtual zines, fashion shows, film screenings, music festivals, and poetry readings.
Lina Wu
**Growth**, 2022
Acrylic paint on canvas

Aileen Zhang
**Color Theory**, 2022
Digital print on vinyl
Ahrihanna Gonzalez
**Seeing the Light, 2022**
Fired and glazed ceramic

Sara Shen
**Tapestry of Life, 2022**
Acrylic paint on drawing board
Aleena Sheikh
**Veiled Reality, 2022**
Reeds, recycled nets, cardboard, acrylic paint, and paper pulp

Jackie Neumann
**The Search For the Phantom Limb, 2022**
Textile, acrylic yarn, buttons, PVC plastic, tulle, sequins, ribbon, thread, freshwater pearls, fringe, wire, electrical tape, spray paint, and adhesive on peg board
Amelia Craypo
**Musical Insides**, 2022
Air-dry clay on canvas, acrylic paint, paper, hot glue, wire, glue, clear gloss sealant, and stuffed animal fur

Ryan Kirkpatrick
**Little Queen**, 2022
Acrylic paint, Micron pen ink, and Sharpie on construction paper
Getzamary Solano
**Floras Process**, 2022
Acrylic paint on canvas

Brandon Sun
**Inner Child**, 2021
Archival inkjet print
Brandon Sun

6 Years Later, 2021
Archival inkjet print

Ava Finch

Need a Moment, 2022
Magazine, paper, and glue

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Beau Beaudette
**A Required Answer**, 2022
Video: color, sound, 1:56 minutes

Ava Finch
**Days of Yore Transfigured Crimson**, 2022
Color pencil and oil pastel on paper
Sophia Reinhardt  
**Large Spike (Bound Bodies), 2022**  
Fabric, aqua resin, and foam

Olivia Forque  
**Eye For An Eye, 2021**  
Oil pastels, acrylic paint, ink, and charcoal on cardboard

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Saj Baldwin
**Hoodie**, 2022
Graphite, charcoal, toner transfer, acrylic paint, and gesso on paper

Abigail Tobey
**Who Says**, 2022
Acrylic paint, spray paint, and newsprint on canvas
Saj Baldwin
**Dreams of the Sublime**, 2022
Graphite, charcoal, paper, acrylic paint, gesso, wood, and foam core mat

Zoe Villalobos
**Above The Past**, 2022
Paper, masking tape, plaster, and wood

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Zei Carrasco
*Reflection and Duality*, 2022
Textiles and acrylic paint on canvas

Gisselle Galeas
*Me and Medusa*, 2022
Digital photographic print

Visitors are encouraged to interact with this artwork. For more information ask our visitor engagement team.
Mia Rodriguez
**Psychological Metamorphosis**, 2022
Acrylic paint on canvas

Ira Sison
**Cycle**, 2022
Acrylic paint and polymer clay on canvas
Thanh Duong
**Historical Animal**, 2022
Acrylic paint on canvas

Hannah Dang
**Sự Tồn Tại**, 2022
Acrylic and oil paint on canvas
Annie Serrano  
**A Family Portrait, 2022**  
Oil on canvas

Sophia Reinhardt  
**Ball and Chain (Bound Bodies), 2022**  
Silicone and fabric

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Allison Cully
*Reflections*, 2022
Flowers, styrofoam sphere, mirror tiles, glue, fishing line, and motor