



## Let Creativity Happen! Grant

### 2019 Quarter Four Recipients

#### 1. [Belonging \(or not\) Abroad](#)

By Group Acorde

Contemporary Dance and Live Music

A collaborative work inspired by Brazilian culture from the perspective of a Brazilian choreographer and dancer residing in Houston for 17 years. As part of The Texas Latino/a Dance Festival, Group Acorde is showcasing the story of its co-director and co-founder Roberta Paixao Cortes through choreography and live music.

#### 2. [The Flower Garden of Ignatius Beltran](#)

By Adam Castaneda

Modern Dance and Literary Arts

The Flower Garden of Ignatius Beltran is an original dance work built by the community and performed by the community. This process-based work brings together both professional dancers and non-movers for a process and performance experience that attempts to dismantle the hierarchy and exclusionary practices of Western concert dance.

#### 3. [First Annual Texas Latino/a Contemporary Dance Festival](#)

By The Pilot Dance Project

Modern Dance

The Texas Latino/a Contemporary Dance Festival is the first convening of its kind that celebrates the choreographic voices of the Latin American diaspora of Houston. The festival is an initiative to make space for the Latino/a perspective in contemporary dance, and to accentuate the uniqueness of this work.

#### 4. [Mommy & Me Pop Up Libraries](#)

By Kenisha Coleman

Literary Arts

Mommy & Me Pop Up Library is a program designed to enrich the lives of mothers and their children through literacy, social engagement, culture, arts, and crafts. We will help to cultivate lifelong skills of learning, comprehension, language, culture, community, and creativity. We will also offer bilingual learning opportunities. The project will consist of pop up mobile libraries in the 5th Ward, Sunnyside and Third Ward neighborhoods, the first of which will take place at the Pop Up Place, an outdoor venue, at 4302 Alameda Drive.

#### 5. [Kaavya's Ranga Pravesham](#)

By Gordon Education Initiatives for the Performing Arts

Video

I plan to film a documentary of KAAVYA RAJARATHNAM, an Indian-American girl in Houston, preparing for her RANGA PRAVESHAM (solo stage debut) on April 11, 2020. The documentary is meant to show a behind-the-scenes look at this rite of passage after years of training in classical Indian dance.

#### 6. [Mẹ Việt Nam ơi, Chúng Con Vẫn Còn đây \(Oh Mother Vietnam, We Are Still Here\)](#)

By Brandon Harris

Visual Art: Photography, Video, Installation and Performance

The project will examine the history of the Vietnamese diaspora in relation to the Houston and Gulf Coast region. He will visit sites of his family's journey and landmarks related to the movement of the migration. The project will culminate in a series of performances and an exhibition in Houston.



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### 7. S.H.E.D.

By Robert D. Jackson

Multidisciplinary Arts/Creative Placemaking

S.H.E.D. is an arts-driven community engagement project designed to collect stories to heal, educate, and engage dialogue between residents of Houston and law enforcement. Community engagement programming will take place between June-October 2020.

### 8. East End Community Loom

By Claire Drennan

Visital Art; Contemporary Craft

Each year in November, my studio hosts Open Studios on the Saturday before Thanksgiving in the East End. I would like to use the opportunity to create a collaborative work of art with my community; a large loom upon which the community will weave a colorful tapestry from upcycled textiles.

### 9. Within the Music Concert

By Ran Kampel

Music

The Within the Music concert will present classical music in an interactive format in Houston for new audiences. The audience will join the performers in discussion and become involved in how artistic decisions are made, explore what is the "color" of sound, and how sounds are created on our instruments.

### 10. Contemporary Cabinet of Curiosity

By Ling-lin Ku and Ryan Crowley

Multimedia Sculpture and Installation

Collaborative artist team Ling-lin Ku and Ryan Crowley will turn the Sawyer Yard's TANK space into a contemporary cabinet of curiosity with hybridized multimedia objects displayed in custom-made structures and compartments, each filled with "treasures" that inspire one's curiosity of the larger world and facilitates creative thoughts.

### 11. Cat Tales

By April Lim

Creative Writing

An evening of poetry and prose surrounding the theme of cats. Writers will have the opportunity to share their works with fellow feline fanatics. The event will ideally take place at El Gate Coffeehouse.

### 12. Fractal Signs

By Hillerbrand+Magsamen

Visual Art

"Fractal Signs" transforms crowd sourced political yard signs into sublime artworks for yards by casting light with patterns created from everyday nature.



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### 13. Project Grow

By Duo Verde

Music

Duo Verde was formed by two Shepherd School of Music graduates who have established themselves as artists in the Houston community. They have designed "Project Grow" to educate younger generations on\* the arts, encourage literacy, and inspire personal growth and responsibility, leading to positive change that permeates the Houston community. From February 2020 to May 2020, five Project Grow events will be hosted in different libraries and community venues.

### 14. Innominate

By Addie Pawlick

Lighting Design

Innominate is a devised, abstract production to be performed May 1-3, 2020 at the University of Houston's Quintero Theater. This production juxtaposes the terrible fate that innumerable innocents meet during war with the pervasive apathy of the majority that allows these tragedies to continue to occur.

### 15. January Bones: La Reina de la Noche

By January Bones

Dance, Drag & Performance

"La Reina de la Noche" is an electric performance of drag, burlesque, pole and contemporary dance fused with high fashion, vogue, and avant-garde concepts. The performance features local creatives and HIV organizations and promotes HIV awareness, education, and access to honor the LGBTQIA+ community and those affected by HIV.

### 16. In Augmented Reality

By Public Poetry

Literary Arts: Poetry

"In Augmented Reality" is an interactive, experiential project with multimedia writer/artist/collaborator, Mary McDonald. Her augmented reality (AR) video provides a framework to understand and explore the creative potentialities of this technology. Using equipment she's bringing, this two-part program includes a hands-on session with participants to create their own AR pieces.

### 17. Plastic Fantastic

By Tishuan Scott

Public Event, Performance, Educational Technology, Art & Science, Industrial Agricultural Experimental Art

PLASTIC FANTASTIC is an arts based program; focused on developing and equipping youth with knowledge of constructive recycling, gardening and litter/pollution prevention. The two-day event will host a vignette of artistic creative initiatives aimed at engaging, educating and entertaining enrichment. The event will take place at the Scenic Woods Regional library, 10677 Homestead Rd, March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.



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### 18. "9" - A Civic TV Nomadic Exhibition in conjunction with the 2020 FotoFest Biennial

By Civic TV

Curator (at Civic TV), and Artist (Painter)

"9", a Civic TV nomadic exhibition curated for the 2020 FotoFest Biennial, explores the diverse landscape of Houston's African Diaspora through the work of nine local artists. As the only exhibition on the FotoFest campus featuring all local artists, it offers a crucial perspective on the Biennial's theme, African Cosmologies.

### 19. 18 Films

By Cressandra Thibodeaux

Film

18 FILMS, is a three day event showcasing 18 films directed by Cressandra Thibodeaux. Each screening series will be 2 hours, with talk-back, refreshments, music and on the last day a dog circus! 18 FILMS will take place April 17-19, 2020.

### 20. Pursuing the Dream: Refugee & Migrant Film Festival

By 14 Pews

Film

"Pursuing the Dream" is a three-day event focused on the journey, the lives and the future for refugees and migrants in the US -- taking place March 27-29, 2020. We'll screen films, offer food catered by Syrian refugee, Zahra Al Mohamed and traditional music by Kurdish/Syrian refugee Mohamed Horo.

### 21. Rediscovering the Love of Self

By Brittney Balma

Music Therapy and Social Practice

Growing Pains is an interactive music therapy workshop series focused on promoting mental health, self-love, and communal healing for women and children of Houston. In addition to a workshop for the community, I will use my personal testimony to empower diverse communities with a non-traditional EP album release.

### 22. All Screwed Up

By Isaac Yowman

Film

All Screwed Up is the compelling story of the legendary DJ Screw, born Robert Earl Davis Jr. Not only was Screw a groundbreaking DJ, he invented a signature style that has transcended more than 2 decades of pop culture and spring-boarded the career of dozens.



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2019 Quarter Three Recipients

1. [You know what I could go for...](#)

By Melinda Laszczynski and John Forse  
Ceramics and digital

We will create and distribute a series of ceramic sculptures around Houston, based on places we find personally relevant. They will be designed to be found and re-distributed by visitors to the city. This will tie into an exhibition utilizing hologram projection fans and information cards for finding said sculptures.

2. [We Are Not Only Everything](#)

By Anna Mayer  
Sculpture / Social Sculpture

I will cast the toes of ten Houstonians and merge them into a pair of bronze feet. At first glance the feet will read as typical, but upon further inspection it will become clear that they're composited from ten different individuals. I'm seeking funding for the first phase of production. Once both phases are completed, it will be exhibited as part of a solo exhibition at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, opening April 2020.

3. [Point of Origin](#)

By Sarah Sudhoff  
Dance and kinetic sound installation

I intend to expand my "Point of Origin" series using data from Life Flight to create a choreographed modern dance piece exploring the intersection of bodies moving in space and a kinetic sound installation connecting us to these life-saving interventions.

4. [Down Time](#)

By David Dove  
Music

Down Time will be a 6-hour performance-installation by David Dove with six collaborators. Dove will use trombone, electronics, and sub-woofers in a continuous improvisation alternating solo and collaborative passages. Audience is encouraged to freely come and go during this long form piece existing somewhere between performance and installation.

5. [The Three Masks of Iturbide Villalobos: A Reading and Wrestling Performance](#)

By Reyes Ramirez  
Literary, Performing Arts

This will be a literary reading/performance where Houston writer Reyes Ramirez will read their story about a family of pro wrestlers, The Three Masks of Iturbide Villalobos, which will be accompanied by actual pro wrestling matches to demonstrate parts of the story when pro wrestling occurs.



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### 6. JUICEBOX

By JUICEBOX

Music

JUICEBOX aims to expand the concept of nightlife culture in Houston by centering people of color (POC), women and queer DJs and creating a space to celebrate multiple aspects of Houston's music culture and immigrant communities.

### 7. Waterscapes with Buffalo Bayou Partnership

By Carrie Schneider

Socially Engaged Art

Houstonians are invited to Make a Waterscape, generating new experiences of water and adding a responsive, participatory representation of water to the public imagination via creative sensory play to renegotiate our associations to water post-Hurricane Harvey and in the face of Climate Change. This event partners with Buffalo Bayou Partnership.

### 8. Micro Dances

By Frame Dance

Dance, Music, and Film

Micro Dances is an artistic challenge and commission to the public to create short screen dances made on and for the smart phone, utilizing new music by living composers.

### 9. Whistle

By Irraschenal Pictures

Film Producer

"Whistle" is a narrative short film based on personal experience that addresses the prevalence, dismissal, and underreporting of sexual harassment in middle school. In the midst of 8th grade band practice a girl is harassed by her peers and forced to give up her instrument to one of her perpetrators.

### 10. A Lot A Land

By Mich Stevenson

Multidisciplinary

"A Lot a Land" is a necessary and simple beautification project focused in 5th Ward Houston, TX. The intermittent bamboo fence lines will invite neighbors and the greater community into a seated oasis of social art and sculpture with monthly programming for community enhancement of art and culture.

### 11. Mystery Nights (hosted by Mystery Loves Company)

By Mystery Loves Company

Music

Our project is to curate, host, and produce one artistic variety show per month, May through August of 2020. The shows consist of an opening songwriter act from our host venue, a "mystery" spotlighted act from a contrasting performance art, and a closing musical set by us, Mystery Loves Company.



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### 12. Dance of the Maghreb: A Taste of Culture

By Kristina Koutsoudas

Dance

A series of (4) traditional North African dance performances, in non-traditional spaces to explore and expand the performance style of these dying art forms, promote Houston's rare cultural diversity through art, build community through art, and build greater dance audiences through art that engages and entertains audiences.

### 13. HCJPD Youth Mural Project

By Young Audiences Inc., of Houston

Visual Art

Young Audiences of Houston teaching artist Liz Conces Spencer will lead visual art workshops with youth of Harris County Juvenile Probation Department to create a unique mural at the public green space on the HCJPD campus.

### 14. Othello The Remix

By Obsidian Theater

Theater

Obsidian is producing the award-winning Othello The Remix by the Q Brothers. The play brings the enduring classic to life in rap and has been hailed around the world as a triumph. Our goal is to bring new audiences to the bard with this funny, accessible melding of art forms.

### 15. The Noctambulist

By Lynn Lane

Multi-media performance art (Music and Dance primarily)

Lynn Lane and the Transitory Sound and Movement Collective will present "The Noctambulist" as part of the Houston Fringe Festival. Using sound, movement, interactive technology, and theatrical concepts, TSMC will collaboratively create a multi-media work exploring the Jungian concept of the dark side (The Shadow) of the human psyche.

### 16. All Real Children's Rising Programming

By Deniz Lopez

Media and electronic arts

A research and production project engaging notable public figures, artists, teachers, producers, and children to create child/ family friendly original programming to stream weekly Saturdays 7am - 9am (cst) on All Real Radio in 2020.

### 17. Folding and Unfolding: a dance and visual art collaboration

By Chapman Dance

Dance

Commercial real estate, architecture, sculpture, and dance all seek to redefine space. "Folding and Unfolding" is a collaborative dance performance that explores places in transition, examines architecture from inside out, and produces sculpture and dance that continues to reform. "Folding and Unfolding" will be presented in Houston November 22-24, 2019.





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### 18. BUSSANT Fashion Collective—Launch

By Brandon Kafarela  
Fashion & Textiles

BUSSANT is a fashion collective that sources sustainable fabrics and other non-traditional materials to craft handmade garments and accessories. BUSSANT draws inspiration from Houston's diverse communities, so we invite locals to personally connect and collaborate with our collective. The goal is to launch our first official line in January 2020. BUSSANT will use hand-crafted fashion, events i.e. community engagement, photography, videography, press, and digital media as our main mediums to impact our communities.

### 19. Journal Writing and Collective Memory: Art Exhibit and Journal-writing Workshops With Under-achieving Students

By Jesus Cantu Medel  
Literature (Creative)

Drawing from my personal journals written in 1987 as a graduate student in Africa, Spain and the United Kingdom, the applicant proposes (1) to present a first-ever exhibit of my personal journals in public school settings; (2) hold writing workshops with youth; and (3) have exhibit of students' journal-writing. Project will take place at BakerRipley Leonel Castillo Community Center and Carnegie Neighborhood Library.

### 20. Rue's World

By BABA RUEROB  
Music/Film

Rue's World is a five-part mini musical series following Lil' Rue The Puppet who uses freestyle rap and comedy to highlight the life of a screwed up biracial kid. Flashbacks and references will be made towards 90s cartoons, pop culture and hip hop in the world of Lil Rue.

### 21. Houston Open Canvas: Version 2.0

By Gbenga Ayeni  
Painter

Houston open canvas is a series of spontaneous live large scale painting at various strategic locations across the city of Houston. The project involves demonstrating a live painting session in a public place. The idea is to encourage people to appreciate the creative process from conceptual sketch to final painting.

### 22. #Afro-LatinHTX

By #Afro-LatinHTX  
Literature, Radio, Podcast

#Afro-LatinHTX is primed to shed light on Afro-Latin roots, culture and opportunities here in Houston and drive support for local Artist, Entrepreneurs and tourism in Houston, Tx. This will consist of a podcast (both video and audio) and blog distributed through social media and websites – additionally, this will air on Nuestra Palabra which is a community based show that airs on KPFT 90.1 FM.





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### 1. YUVA 2019

By Silambam Houston  
Dance, Music, Theater

YUVA, a new initiative of Silambam Houston, aims to catalyze creativity and collaboration among a new generation of Indian classical artists. YUVA will bring together young artists from different Indian classical arts genres, and provide mentorship, resources, and a platform to create and present new, innovative, collaborative artistic works.

### 2. Garden City Music Festival

By Musically Inclined: A Fine Arts Company  
Music

The Garden City Music Festival is Houston's Premier multi-genre music festival for young independent musicians. Our goal is to provide young musicians between the ages of 15 and 35 with the tools, resources, and knowledge they need to have a successful music career.

### 3. In Their Words: Student Voices on Education, Activism and Opportunity

By Robert D Jackson  
Documentary Filmmaking/Theater

Drawn from interviews from students in Houston and NYC, Robert D. Jackson uses documentary solo performance to magnify the challenges students face navigating high school and young adulthood as artists and activist. A combination of spoken word, poetry and musical performances will take place and is open to the public.

### 4. Power Suit

By David Politzer  
Performance

I propose a one-man, durational performance wherein I create and wear a complete wardrobe of "self-help" garments. By applying the visual elements used on self-help book covers to a customized set of clothing, I will embody and radiate the ethos of the self-help genre.

### 5. La Vida Es Cortos / Life Is Shorts Festival

By TEATRX - A Latinx Theatre Company  
Theatre and Film

The festival titled La Vida es Cortos will run for four days and will consist of about 5 short plays and 5 short films. The short plays will be produced by local Latinx theater groups. The short films will be selected from Latinx filmmakers' submissions from around the world.



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#### 6. Performance Art Immersive Workshop with Guest Artist and Interdisciplinary Political Philosophy Conference

By Jeanette Joy Harris

Performance Art and Academic Scholarship

This project includes (1) a performance art workshop for 10-15 local artists and (2) an academic conference focused on political philosophy and community action. The goal is to provide an unique opportunity for artists to develop their work and start conversations with other practitioners, reconsidering community and political engagement.

#### 7. "Summer Casual" - Exhibition and Auxiliary Programming at the Wedge Space at HCC Southeast

By Dennis Nance

Visual Art

"Summer Casual" is an exhibition and series of programs by Dennis Nance scheduled to be presented at the HCC Southeast Campus Wedge Space Gallery in the summer of 2019. The exhibition will include a "body" of work incorporating the artist's ongoing shirt production and experimentation with wearable works of art.

#### 8. The Trek

By Krista Birnbaum

Public Art/Community Engagement

The Trek connects two communities separated by a highway, but connected by a school. The butterfly garden at Travis Elementary hosts community art-making and the creation of a sister garden within the zoned neighborhood east of the I-45. Community members will join in creating sculptural signage for both gardens.

#### 9. Fantastical Birding Tour of Houston

By Michael Golden

visual artist - painter

This fantastical, secret birding tour of Houston sites 16 signs throughout Harris County which highlight native and migratory birds. Signage, printed on dibond, includes an original artwork of each species with scientific information, a memory of an interaction with a bird from that species, and other information real or imagined.

#### 10. Finca Tres Robles - Mural

By Finca Tres Robles

VISUAL ARTS

Using a mural and a get-together to emphasize community health this project helps support the work and initiatives of an urban farm. The project provides an opportunity for neighbors to establish new relationships while awareness to the fresh produce growing near them.

#### 11. Hey There

By Dance Houston

Dance

Public street performances pairing dancers with live musicians in a cross-cultural collaboration.



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### 12. Folk Songs of My Father

By Cressandra Thibodeaux  
multidisciplinary arts

Create a workshop-performance of a folk musical based on the folk songs of my father MILLARD THOMAS, who played with Harry Belafonte. I would combined his songs with his story of working with Harry Belafonte. The performance will have two actors and three musicians.

### 13. Performance Art on Instagram

By Julia Claire Wallace  
Performance Artist, Organizer, Arts Administrator

Performance Art on Instagram brings performance art into your daily feed! For each show, a guest curator conceptualizes and curates a series of artists that are specifically tasked to contribute "site-specific" performance art work that taps into the unique possibilities provided by the social media online platform.

### 14. The Secret Choir: The Rehearsal IS the Performance

By Elisabeth Swim  
Music

Social Sing is a live interactive musical open house where voices are welcome just as they are. A book club with songs instead of books. A meetup with others who enjoy music, to explore your singing voice without pressure to perform, to sing for the joy of it.

### 15. 2 Cards

By Cuyler Ballenger  
Film / Video Art / Performance Art

2 Cards is a film as well as a recorded performance, to be displayed on two screens simultaneously. On one screen, my father tells the story of his drug use at the time of my birth. On the other screen, is a single uncut shot of me running to exhaustion.

### 16. "Junk On My Street"

By Texas Johnny Boy  
Music & Visual Arts

Texas Johnny Boy proposes fusing an original blues tune with his assemblage art created from local, curbside trash to inspire our city to clean-up. Photos of the art assemblages will be posted monthly on social media, culminating in a "Junk On My Street" public, art exhibition and song debut.

### 17. Unmaskulinity project

By Jerry "Brian" Ellison  
Photography/Cinematography

What is masculinity, and why do we view it the way we do in the Black community? Why are Black men unable to experience and express the full emotional range? UNMASKulinity is a film that dissects, unravels, and redefines African American masculinity for the black community.



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### 18. The Love No Limit Show with Josie Pickens

By Josie Pickens

Writer, Speaker, Radio Host

Josie Pickens will produce The Love No Limit Show, a radio show that focuses on radical, expansive conversations about Black love. She will also curate two public conversations connected to topics that will document and celebrate Black love in the city of Houston.

### 19. Zipper Merging your ducks in my row.

By Carolina Borja

Sculptural Installation

Zipper merging your ducks in my row explores the emotional conflict that arises in relationships using as a metaphor the soon to be tested, legal way to merge into ongoing traffic, which claims to reduce traffic and create vehicular fairness and equality.

### 20. mercy, a film journal for the tender heart and mind.

By b. lauren

film photography

mercy is a photographic film journal for the tender heart and mind, using the vulnerable elements of film as a catalyst for new structures of independent thinking and cultural awareness.

### 21. Dancing The Blue Hour

By Michele Brangwen Dance Ensemble

Contemporary dance to live original music

Dancing The Blue Hour is a work tells the story through dance, music and film, of people coming together to experience the Blue Hour in anticipation of feeling a greater connection to one another.

### 22. Recreational Aesthetics

By Emily Sloan

Studio and Social Practice (performance, drawing, exhibition creating)

Recreational Aesthetics is a series of artist lead workshops including: Observational Drawing in the Neighborhood, a Naptist Convention and How to Run a Gallery in a Refrigerator.



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#### 1. Who You Think Built The Pyramids?

By Gregory Carter & Patrick Renner

Multidisciplinary

Gregory Michael Carter and Patrick Renner are building a large scale public sculpture, in the shape of a pyramid, made from "We Buy Houses" signs that litter third ward and other areas where minorities live.

#### 2. Things Left Behind

By Adam Castaneda

Dance & Literary Arts

Things Left Behind is a cross-disciplinary event that will be held during Writefest 2019. The program is an exploration of the intersection of autobiography and dance-making, and will include Mr. Castaneda's choreographic works, readings from members of the Writespace community, and end in a social dance gathering.

#### 3. The Long Stay

By Pilot Dance

Modern Dance

The Long Stay is a site-specific dance theater work produced by the Pilot Dance Project and choreographed by Ashley Horn. Performed inside twenty hotel rooms, the fragmented narrative parallels a macro-level concern: the imbalance of power and the subsequent recording of history by the ruling majority.

#### 4. Radical Awakening: Recognizing Racism

By Candice D'Meza

Theater

Radical Awakenings is an immersive theater lecture that allows participants to dialogue together about racism using theater as the common language. The two hour "lecture" allows the audience to be spect-Actors who actively practice, rather than passively intake, solutions to common race-based issues.

#### 5. METROdances 2019

By Frame Dance

Dance, Music & Flow Arts

Frame Dance is expanding the concept of METROdances this year. In the past, audiences followed dancers and musicians on and off the light rail at stops moving northbound on the redline. Everything was choreographed by Lydia Hance, and the music composed by a single composer. Performances were temporary and moved with the audience. This year, we are restructuring the performance. We have invited artists in dance, theater, storytelling, music, and slam poetry to create longer installation performances (one hour and a half) at the stops from Hermann Park/Rice U through Bell Street. The audience will follow slam poets and percussionists on the rails to each ongoing performance. Frame Dance is creating installations at two of the stops, and we've curated 15 artists/collectives who are also making performance pieces at Hermann Park, Museum District, Ensemble/HCC, McGowen, and Bell Street stops.



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### 6. [A3L: Across 3 Languages](#)

By Robert Jackson

Music

Three of Houston's commonly spoken languages (Arabic, Chinese, and French) will be showcased by Houston native BABA RUEROB who will develop three new songs with local artists and music producers over a two month period. These are three of twelve languages that BABA RUEROB performs in.

### 7. [Houston Sound Library: An Audio Sample Pack](#)

By Andrew Karnavas

Sound Design

What does Houston sound like? To answer this question, I will explore Houston with a professional audio recording setup and capture its sounds, then edit and condense them to a creative commons sound library that can provide sonic layers for music, podcasts, video games, and more.

### 8. [The BioArt Bayou-torium](#)

By Henry Sanchez

Social practice, art-science, multi-disciplinary

The Bio-Art Bayou-torium is a science-art studio on the banks of Buffalo Bayou in the 2nd Ward and includes bilingual docent led pontoon boat tours. Attendees will make art and investigate nature with science tools. It will be open to the general public for 3 weekends of April.

### 9. [Among Rivers](#)

By Kurt Stallman

Music, Composition and Sound Art

Among Rivers is a multi-media performance featuring four performers who will create elemental sounds using ancient instruments. These sounds will be mediated by computer technology and dispersed into a multi-channel audio system. Simultaneously, video footage of river surfaces will be projected on multiple surfaces to create an immersive theater experience.

### 10. [Pride Houston Art Program](#)

By Pride Houston

Visual Art

Pride Houston would create the first of its kind Pride Art Program & display during Pride Month in Houston (June). This program would feature LGBTQ+ artists of Houston during the Pride Month & various celebrations as well as bring in a new audience of Houstonians to celebrate their pride.



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### 11. Fry Bread and Gumbo

By Cressandra Thibodeaux

Film

I will create a short documentary on hybrid cultures told through food -- the documentary follows Chief August Creppel of the Native American tribe -- United Houma Nation as he sets out to start up his food truck "Fry Bread and Gumbo." The film would screen to a public audience on 9/20/2019.

### 12. LGBTQ Art Camp!

By Rebecca French

Social practice

LGBTQ Art Camp! is a one day event providing members of the LGBTQ community a uniquely creative experience in nature. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about and make work in a variety of artistic disciplines, spend time outdoors, enjoy live performances and build empowering relationships within their community.

### 13. Celebrating Coral

By Colleen Maynard

Visual Arts - Drawing

I am producing a set of drawings documenting coral reef and their biodiversity from the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is approximately 100 miles off the Galveston coast. Completed drawings will be exhibited alongside Scientist and Librarian-selected reading materials in local Houston libraries and bookstores.

### 14. The Hand-made Texan Boot: An Art Project Aimed at Its Preservation

By Jesus Medel

Folk Arts

The applicant proposes to educate elementary-level children the history, hand-tools and hand-processes of making the Tejano hand-made boot vis-à-vis art education classes. The culmination of this practice will result in three public exhibits of no less than ten pairs of Texan, Western-style boots and no less than three public demonstrations. The activities will take place at Houston Community College-Northline campus art gallery, Lionell Castillo Community Building and Houston Public Library/Carnegie Branch. Public demonstrations will show the various hand tools, leathers, and components of the Texan, Western-style boot, such as the welt, heels, lining, etc.).

### 15. Native American and Indigenous Film Series

By 14 Pews

Visual Arts & Film

14 Pews' Native American and Indigenous Film Series offers a wonderful opportunity to explore native cultures and life, while celebrating Native American and Indigenous filmmakers. All films are directed by Native American and Indigenous filmmakers.





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### 16. FLATS Presents

By Jessi Bowman  
Photography

FLATS is a pop-up photography exhibition series held in homes around the Houston area. We aim to create a platform for Houston-based photographers to connect and show their work in intimate, non-traditional settings.

### 17. 14th Annual Frida Festival

By Iris Contreras  
Visual Arts

The Frida festival aims to unite the community through creative expression by collaborating with local artists, organizations and businesses to celebrate the life of Latin America's most highly respected visual artists – Frida Kahlo. It will showcase community talents in art, music and dance in an urban market setting.

### 18. Intercultural Play Reading Series

By Next Iteration Ensemble  
Visual Arts & Film

Houston is made up of a large diversity of people, with many ethnic, cultural, social, and other identities. Next Iteration Ensemble, through the Intercultural Reading Series seeks to present varied voices, through staged readings of new works by underrepresented playwrights, for our diverse audiences at pay-what-you-can-prices.

### 19. The Museum of Cracked Pavement

By Dana Kroos  
Interdisciplinary

The Gallery of Cracked Pavement is a series of found and curated online exhibitions of Houston's damaged sidewalks. It draws attention to, and finds beauty in, the structures that people use to shape environments, and way nature resists these. Exhibits will center on themes and include ekphrastic descriptions.

### 20. Houston Cassette Culture 1980 -1989

By Robert Carter  
Music

Houston Cassette Culture 1980-1989 celebrates the importance of hand-distributed cassette tapes to the evolution of Houston's thriving experimental scene by exhibiting digital audio samples, art, and graphic design samples drawn from a rich swath of underground musical history previously known only to the most dedicated collectors.

### 21. REFLEXIÓN: A Latinx New Works Project

By Jorge Diaz  
Theatre

TEATRXX will develop local Latinx plays, performed by local talent that reflects our community through a new play development process that brings in audience feedback earlier than traditional play development processes. It will shorten the development time frame for the playwright's work whilst giving the community ownership of their stories.



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### 22. Myth City

By Writer in the Schools

Writing

Myth City is a podcast that asks Houstonians to conjure the legends of their ancestors. Interviewing writers and storytellers from Houston, we'll be asking about the religious and cultural mythologies that these artists carry with them from across the world, and how these myths inform their connection to the city.