



ArtReach: Entwined

CAM's ArtReach programs engage the local community, both inside and outside the Museum's walls. Using its exhibitions as the basis for curriculum, CAM partners with schools, including all St. Louis public middle and high schools, to provide off-site visits, museum tours, and workshops with artists. Through CAM's ArtBus, a mobile art studio, the Museum brings hands-on experiences directly into neighborhoods throughout St. Louis, visiting schools, community centers, festivals, street fairs, and partner organizations. *ArtReach: Entwined* showcases artwork made over the course of the past year in workshops with some thirty art classes and eight community groups.

Inspired by *Ulla von Brandenburg: Wagon Wheel* (on view January 16–April 11, 2015), ArtReach participants used quilting techniques to express personal and historical narratives. Using von Brandenburg's practice of embedding visual codes into her work, they created their own quilt squares to reflect stories, influences, and private moments from their lives. For this exhibition, a selection of these squares are joined together to form a quilt, stitching individual stories and experiences into a larger, collective narrative.

Also on view is a selection of collages was prompted by *Hurvin Anderson: Backdrop* (on view September 11–December 27, 2015). Using the metaphorical and literal barriers in Anderson's paintings as a point of departure, participants explored themes of memory, place, and identity. They layered hand-drawn patterns and grids on top of collages of exterior landscapes and interior scenes. These imaginative and complex compositions express personal identities and collective desires through both figurative and abstract representation.



Quilt squares made by ArtReach participants, inspired by *Ulla von Brandenburg: Wagon Wheel*, 2015.



Audio Tour

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Participating schools and organizations include:

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Clyde C. Miller Career Academy
Collegiate School of Medicine & Bioscience
Compton-Drew Middle School
Every Child's Hope
Fanning Middle School
Gateway Middle School
Gateway STEM High School
Innovative Concept Academy
InspireSTL
Langston Middle School
Madison High School
Maplewood Let Them Eat Art Fair
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New American Academy (Middle)
Nottingham High School
Parc Provence
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Roosevelt High School
Saint Louis Art Fair
Soldan International Studies High School
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Collages inspired by *Hurvin Anderson: Backdrop*, 2015.

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