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**CAM announces First Friday DJ-in-residence James Biko**



James Biko. Courtesy Contemporary Productions.

**January 30, 2020 (St. Louis, MO)** - The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM) announces its new DJ-in-residence, James Biko, a St. Louis-based multidisciplinary artist, whose spins combine elements of hip-hop, R&B, soul, pop, rock, New Wave, and reggae. With a visual arts practice in illustration and graphic design, Biko is an ideal match for CAM. A ten-time *Riverfront Times* Music Award winner, Biko is prominent in the St. Louis hip-hop and soul scene, and his afro-progressive style has made him in demand at SXSW stages and at national and international music festivals. His popular *Rawthentic* radio program, with Cleo Jones on KDHX (88.1), covers hip-hop, R&B, and soul during the Thursday-evening rush-hour slot from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

The DJ residency connects a local music artist with Museum audiences at all First Fridays and at other exhibition- and program-related events. This season, Biko headlines the CAM program RE: Soul, which offers spoken and music dialogue with Liz Johnson Artur's photographic exhibition [Dusha](#). *Dusha* is Russian for "soul," and for [RE: Soul](#) Biko traces the history of soul music and introduces audiences to contemporary samplings of the genre.

The DJ residency is another way in which CAM promotes new audiences at the Museum and supports local artists. [18andcounting](#) (Stan Chisholm) and [Syna So Pro](#) (Syrhea Conaway) were previous CAM DJs-in-residence.

CAM participates in the Grand Center Arts District's First Friday every month, offering exhibition tours, drinks in CAM's café, and through the spring of 2020, the music of [James Biko](#).



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**Hours**  
10-5 Wed  
10-8 Thu & Fri  
10-5 Sat & Sun

CAM is free. Visit often!

**CAM DJ-in-residence James Biko public program schedule:**

**First Friday**

Fri, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3, 5:00–9:00 pm  
Tour: 6:00 pm / DJ James Biko 7:00 pm

**RE: Soul**

Thu, Mar 19, 6:30 pm

**About the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis**

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis works to enrich lives and inspire curiosity, creativity, and learning through experiences with contemporary art. Focused on a dynamic array of changing exhibitions, the Museum reflects and contributes to the global cultural landscape while engaging thousands of visitors through a wide array of public programs. CAM nurtures the creative minds of our city's youth through free, in-depth art education, making a long-lasting impact on the community. We are a site for discovery, a welcoming space, free and open to all.

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