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**An exhibition by Sumner and Vashon High School students opens at CAM,
March 25, 2022**



The finale to the Sumner High School Winter Showcase in December. CAM is part of a consortium of St. Louis arts organizations providing an extensive art curriculum.

March 3, 2022 (St. Louis, MO) -- The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis presents artwork by students from two ArtReach Partnership schools, Sumner and Vashon High Schools. After four years of working with Vashon students and teachers to provide weekly art classes throughout the year, CAM expanded its ArtReach Partnership program to include the historic Sumner High School, in 2021. The expansion came as part of a broader revival effort that CAM and other community partners are infusing into Sumner—the first African American high school west of the Mississippi—to prevent its closure. *ArtReach: Sumner and Vashon High Schools* is on view as part of CAM's spring/summer exhibitions, March 25–July 24, 2022.

Artwork from both schools' fall 2021 semester is featured in CAM's Education Galleries, including textile, painting, and drawing projects created under the mentorship of Resident Teaching Artists Yvonne Anguiano, Misato Pang, and Simiya Sudduth.

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ArtReach: Sumner and Vashon High Schools is organized for the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis by Miriam Ruiz, School and Community Partnership Manager.

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Related Event

Friday, March 25

Patron Preview 10:00–11:30 am

Member Preview 5:00–6:00 pm

Public Opening 6:00–9:00 pm

For press access on Opening Day

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About the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis creates meaningful engagement with the most relevant and innovative art being made today. Founded by civic and cultural leaders in 1980, the Museum transformed from a small gallery into an internationally recognized arts institution, now permanently housed in a flexible, open, and inviting building designed by renowned American architect Brad Cloepfil. CAM's distinct architecture reflects the organization's values and supports a dynamic range of exhibitions, public programs, educational initiatives, and community collaborations. The only museum in the region solely dedicated to contemporary art, CAM is one of the preeminent non-collecting institutions of its kind in the United States. We are a site for discovery, a welcoming space, free and open to all. For more information, visit camstl.org.

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