



# a HUDSON state of mind.

**HUDSON CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!**

**BE A PART OF THE MONUMENTAL  
EXHIBIT AT THE MUSEUM OF  
JERSEY CITY HISTORY.**

The Office of Cultural Affairs is building an archive of loaned Hudson memorabilia that signify our growth as a community. We are looking for yearbooks, graduation cap and gown sets, special programs, awards, and anything that helps us celebrate our 50 years of educational success.

Are you an intergenerational HCCC family? We want to hear your inspirational story to share at the museum.

For more information, submissions or to loan items, please email [sabdelwahed@hccc.edu](mailto:sabdelwahed@hccc.edu).



# Poetry as Illumination

*'The quality of light by which we scrutinize our lives has direct bearing upon the product which we live, and upon the changes which we hope to bring about through those lives. It is within this light that we form those ideas by which we pursue our magic and make it realized. This is poetry as illumination, for it is through poetry that we give name to those ideas which are — until the poem — nameless and formless, about to be birthed, but already felt.'*

— Audre Lorde



The Office of Cultural Affairs celebrates LGBTQIA life in Hudson County with poets of all ages from Jersey City Public Schools and the Hudson County Community. Be inspired and create your own poem for our community wall. Free and open to the public.

Benjamin J. Dineen III &  
Dennis C. Hull Gallery  
71 Sip Ave, 6th Floor  
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January 28th - March 28th  
Tue - Fri 11 am to 4 pm  
**Reception:** January 28th  
1 to 3 pm

# CURIOUS MATTER

## A LEGACY OF ART & INQUIRY



*Curious Matter: A Legacy of Art & Inquiry* is an exhibition celebrating the transformative vision and enduring contributions of Raymond E. Mingst and Arthur Bruso. Founders of the contemporary art gallery and project space *Curious Matter* in downtown Jersey City, these two artist-curators

have shaped nearly two decades of rigorous, thought-provoking programming at the intersection of visual art, literature, and community. This exhibition honors their commitment to fostering dialogue, their advocacy for artists, and their remarkable ability to “open a door” to contemporary art for all. Through their distinctive cabinet of curiosities approach, literary sensibility, understanding of contemporary art and art history, *Curious Matter* creates exhibitions that challenge and engage audiences to see art as both a source of inspiration and conversation. Above all, their practice exemplifies a profound respect for the creative process and the artists who bring these ideas to life.



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# Pathways to Freedom

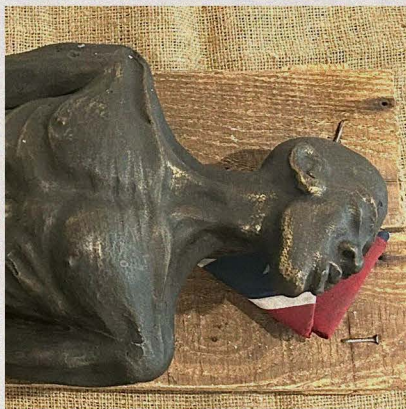
## WE GET TO TELL THE STORY



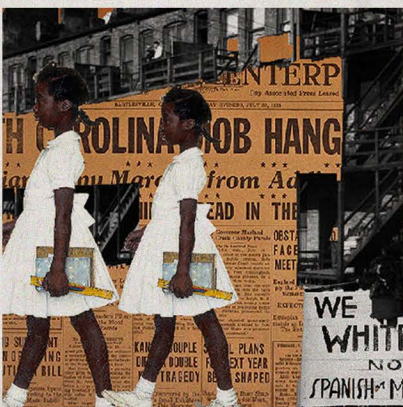
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Bernard Jackson



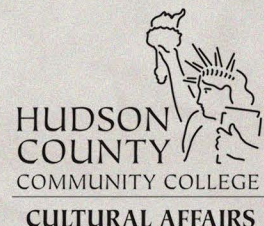
Antoinette Ellis-Williams

*Pathways to Freedom: We Get to Tell the Story* highlights historical objects and documents from the Linwood Pledger, Jr. Archive of Black History curated by archivist and historian Dorothy Anderson and Hudson County Community College African American History students. The Archive includes slave contracts, 19th century wills of slave owners, and first-edition books from renowned Black writers. Significant works by celebrated artists Jerome China, Antoinette Ellis-Williams, Heather Williams and Bernard Jackson further illuminate themes addressed in the archived materials celebrating pathways to freedom.

The opening reception is on **January 28th**, from 1 to 3 pm at the Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery. The reception is partnered with a special lecture by Malcolm X's daughter, Ilyasah Shabazz at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center from 10:30 am to 12 pm. An evening artist talk will allow visitors a closer look on **February 27th** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

The exhibit will close on **March 28th**.

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# SHERWIN BANFIELD

## HIP-HOP MODELS TO MONUMENTS



Sherwin Banfield is a Queens, NY based mixed-media artist with recent work attempting to explore journeys of identity and ancestry. Sherwin's creative practice tends to deconstruct the imaginative and physical journey of identity within his preferred subject matter, the human experience. While exploring the journey of his subject, he would seek to draw a connection between their personal stories and established culture, frequently imposing mythological and imaginative ideas as accessories within his sculptures.

Recent projects build upon experimental ideas of encompassing various mixed materials with traditional sculpture; lighting, sound and solar power that he refers to as Sustainable Sonic Sculpture. His recent public sculpture "Sky's the Limit in the County of Kings" fused the identity of Brooklyn Hip-Hop Legend The Notorious B.I.G., with his musical legacy into a sonic monument. The intention is to reintroduce the multi-dimensional contributions of Hip-Hop Legends, through a multi-sensory experience in Monumentality.

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THE ART CONCOURSE AT NORTH HUDSON  
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FEBRUARY 18TH  
TO JULY 18TH





# Artist Talk at

HUDSON  
COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Thursday, February 27th 2025  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

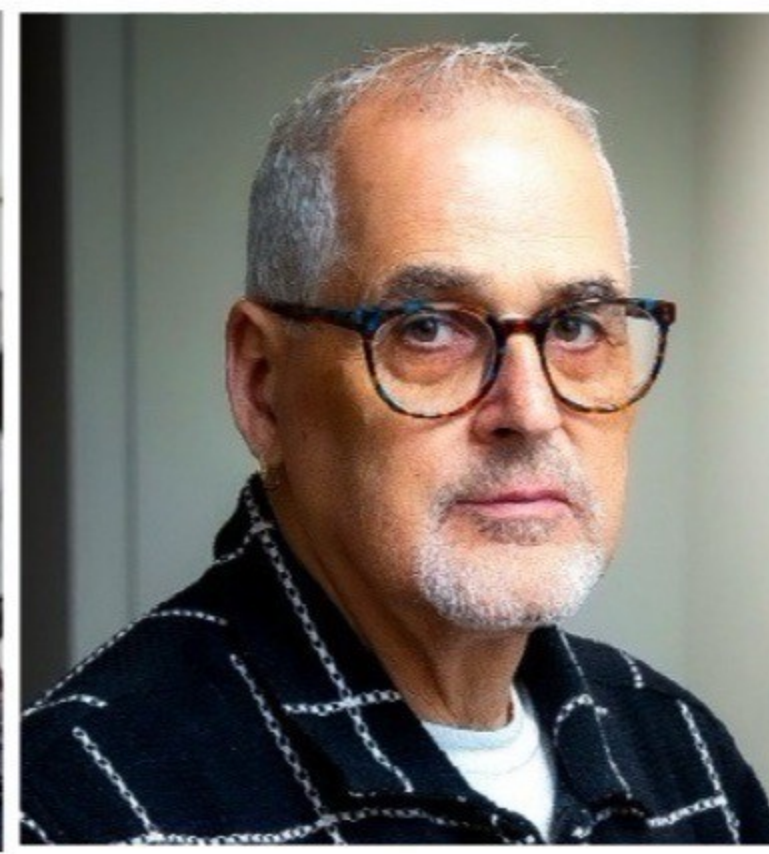
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Featuring  
HEATHER WILLIAMS, JEROME CHINA,  
& ANTOINETTE ELLIS-WILLIAMS



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of CURIOUS MATTER

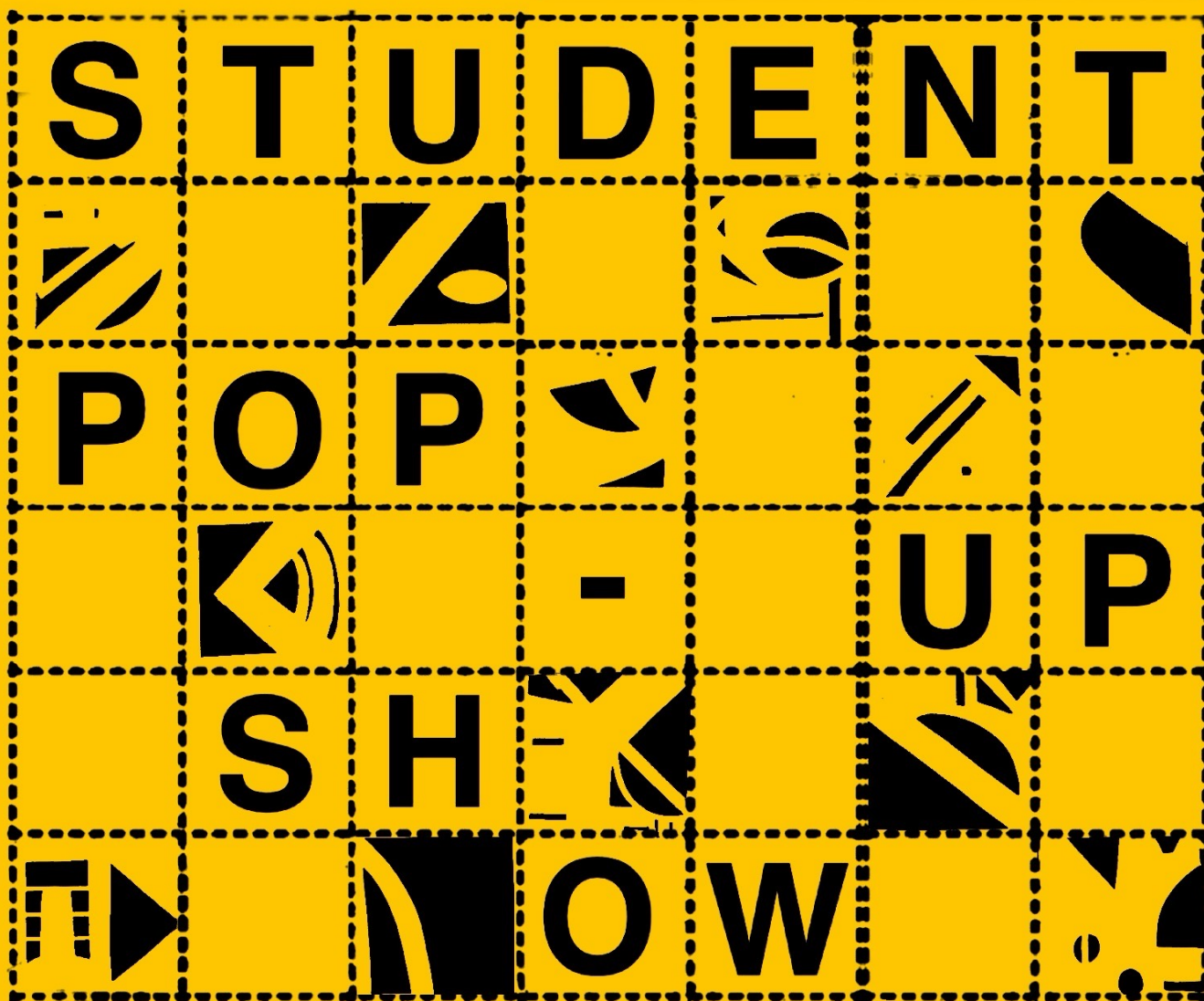
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# JC FRIDAYS

6TH FLOOR ATRIUM  
GABERT LIBRARY

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FRIDAY MARCH 7TH, 2025

6 PM TO 8 PM



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# HIP HOP HAPPENINGS at NORTH HUDSON

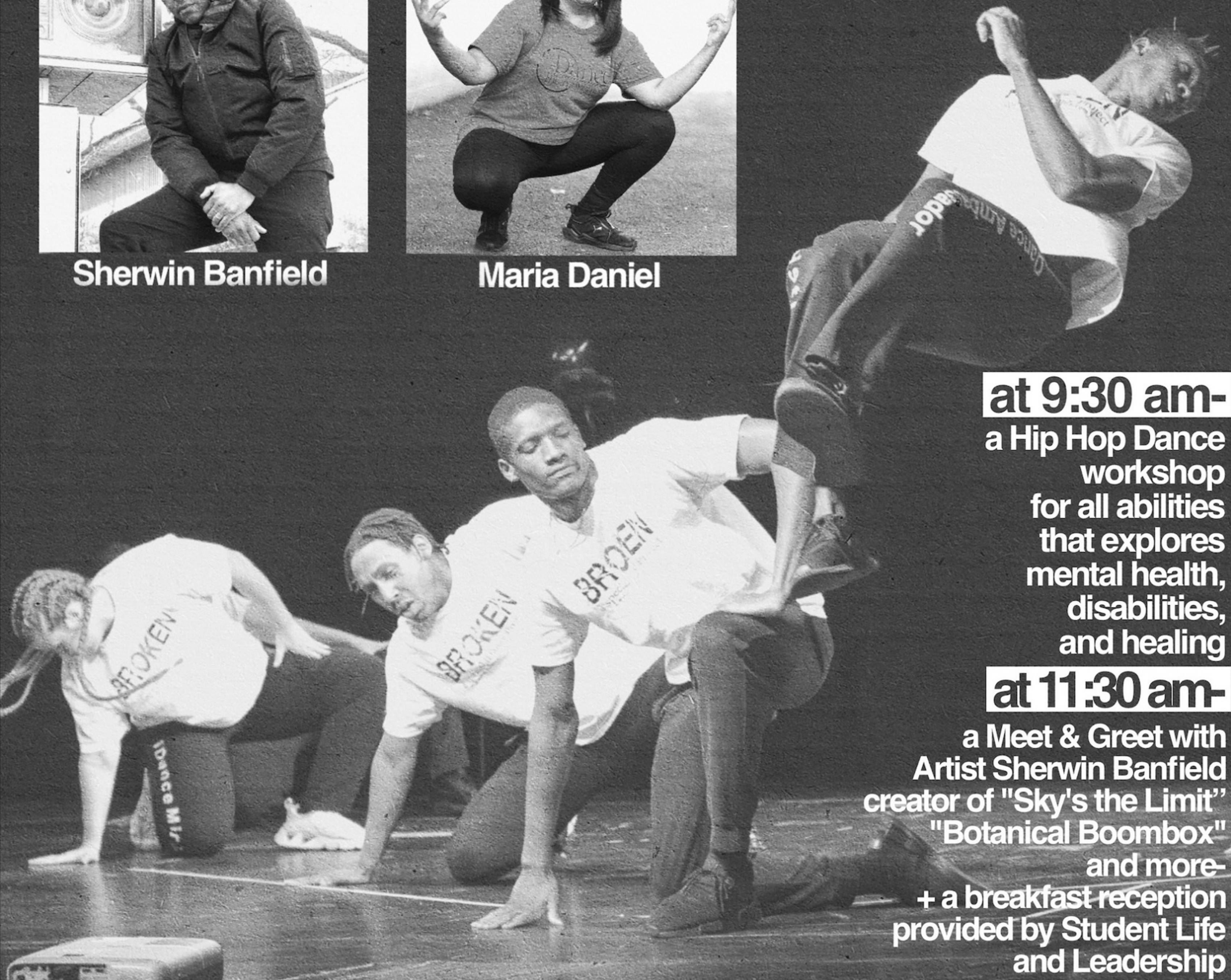
Thursday, April 10th 2025 • 9 am start



**Sherwin Banfield**



**Maria Daniel**



**at 9:30 am-**

a Hip Hop Dance workshop for all abilities that explores mental health, disabilities, and healing

**at 11:30 am-**

a Meet & Greet with Artist Sherwin Banfield creator of "Sky's the Limit" "Botanical Boombox" and more-  
+ a breakfast reception provided by Student Life and Leadership



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