

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
Jersey City, NJ 07306



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 Brusco. 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



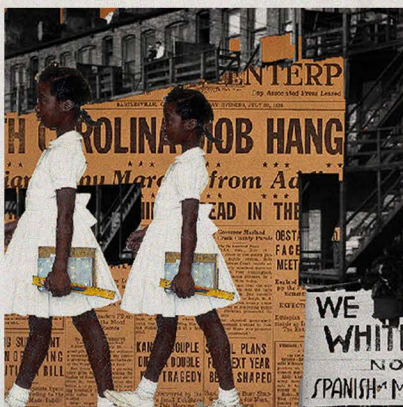
Heather Williams



Jerome China



Bernard Jackson



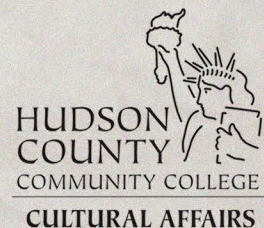
Antoinette Ellis-Williams

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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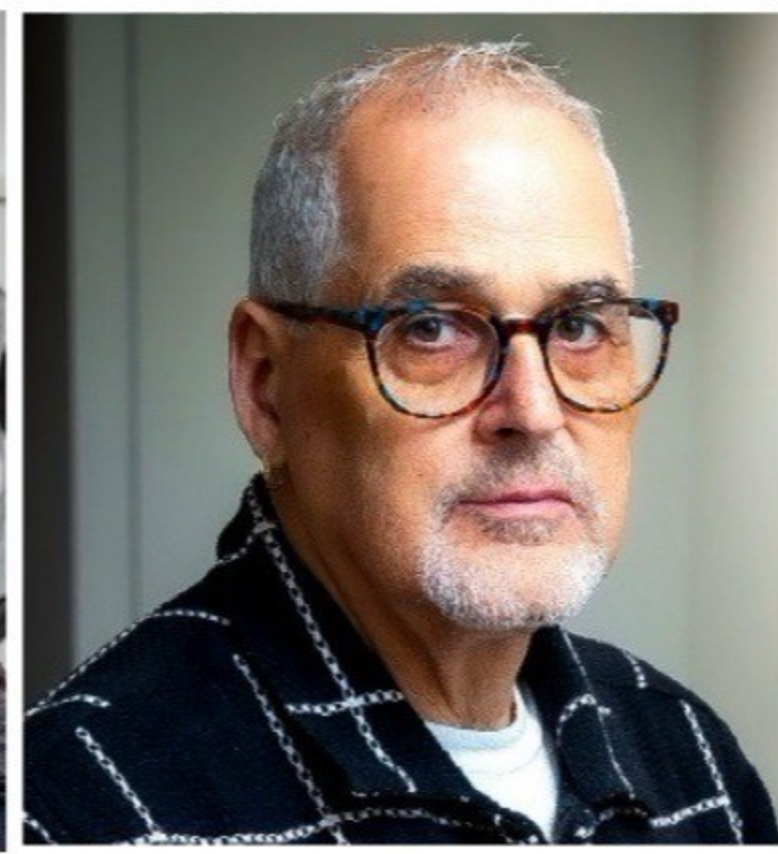


Thursday, February 27th 2025
6:30 - 8:30 PM

*Pathways to Freedom:
We Get to Tell the Story*

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*Curious Matter:
A Legacy of Art & Inquiry*



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& ANTOINETTE ELLIS-WILLIAMS

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