



CREATING NEW POSSIBILITIES

CELEBRATION

GRADUATION CEREMONY

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3rd Trimester 2021 Celebration Program

PreShow

Brandon Lauren

Introduction

Devlin McNeil

President and Executive Director, Arts+

Video Presentation

Online Photography Students

“Holding My Breath”

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By Emma Hoff

Video Presentation

Digital Art Students

Video Presentation

Screen Printing Students

A Sound Design: Golf Commercial

Music Production Students

“Years”

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By Rachana Sherman

Video Presentation

Mixed Media Students

“Reality U” and more

Video Presentation

Film Students

Spoken Word

By Asha Parks, Studio 345 Alumni

Video Presentation

Printmaking & Product Design

Video Presentation

In Person Photography Students

Too Parallel

By Jason Alex and Mahala Corra

Studio 345 Alumni

Graduation & Award Ceremony

Opening Remarks:

Susan Rodriguez-McDowell,
District 6 County Commissioner

Seniors of Studio 345

Senior Video



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“Holding My Breath”

By Emma Hoff

Verse 1

I was growing up and I found myself scared
Of wandering thoughts
Doubt and faith and what I'd always known
At the edge of my seat tottering
Holding on a truth
That would change my life and all I'd ever known

Chorus

And she said
Darling just get up give it a shot
Fighting fights need already fought

Falling from their pedestal, the
Guilty verdict, I still feel
Like up and running to a place
For me, for me
Performing but I live the life
Your posts won't get me through the night
I'm yelling for some just and peace
For us, for us

Verse 2

My rights black squares, but this gets old
He called for his mother
We have a hard existing in this world
you're a threat, they don't see for your soul
They call you other
Say not worth it
don't take space up in our world

Bridge

Finding hope in the dark places
Minnesota's round the way
To love yourself despite all this broken
Finding you in all that's
grey, not black, and white
It wasn't right
Highways leading down to justice
Call me fool, it's not the end



“Years”

By Rachana Sherman

Verse 1

Years are passing by
And my life is like an overdose
I'm scared I wanna hide
From the future, and all of the unknown

Don't wanna be the one last to accept
That I can't go back to my lovely past
But I'm hanging onto hope that
Time'll have mercy on my selfish soul

Pre-chorus

You can't blame me
For wanting to sit in my comfort zone, not in the
darkness
For not wanting to venture into the unknown, no
awareness
Can't help that there's something I can't control and
it's alarming, alarming

Chorus

Running out of time running running out of time x3
Running straight ahead and I'm running blind
Running out of time running running out of time x3
Running straight ahead and I'm running blind

Verse 2

Wanting to uncover life's mystery
But something inside says I don't wanna see
Careful be careful of what lies ahead
Don't let hidden futures get into your head

Open your eyes
Look into your brain
Tell me what you see
Tell me what you, think
Reach your hand in
Turn your mindset around

How tantalizing
Father time is
Can't change his mind yeah
Can't turn back time, yeah

Pre-chorus

You can't blame me
For wanting to sit in my comfort zone, not in the
darkness
For not wanting to venture into the unknown, no
awareness
Can't help that there's something I can't control and
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Chorus

Running out of time running running out of time x3
Running straight ahead and I'm running blind
Running out of time running running out of time x3
Running straight ahead and I'm running behind

CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS OF **2021**

Istar Abdullahi
Sean Abernathy
Iris Addison
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Malachi Baker
Luis Bandera
Lela Bankhead
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Xavier English
Jackson Erfani
Natalia Flores

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Drake Hair
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Zipporah Harrison
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Leo Hoffman
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Sydney Jett
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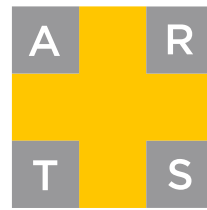
Graduates continued...

Hunter Pruette
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Zarah Rahman Blythe
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Carolina Rangel
Elijah Rice
Fatima Rios
Diana Rios Castillo
Nasah Roby
Camila Romero
Jaelyn Rondo
Antaysia Rose
Arath Saenz
Adam Scibetta
Anshu Shah
Leyah Shelton
Ariadna Silva Cabrera
Sydney Singleton
Roy Siplon
Marco Sloan

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Our graduates are on their way to:



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Studio 345 is a free, out-of-school creative youth development program. It provides unique artistic experiences for students in Grades 9-12 in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Students are given an opportunity to fully explore their creative abilities while being guided by professional teaching artists. As a result, students gain invaluable experiences enabling them to become creative risk takers.

Our program is inspired by Bill Strickland's belief that environment shapes behavior. Strickland was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1947. He struggled in school, but his life changed when he met his art teacher Frank Ross. The bond shared by Ross and Strickland began with a clean slate of molding clay, which started a vision for Manchester Craftsman's Guild, the inspiration for Studio 345.