

ROOT DIVISION PRESENTS: *New Growth 2023: Seeds of Joy*



Image: Installation, *New Growth 2022*

Root Division's Annual Youth Art Exhibition & Free Family Celebration

Free & open to the public | **Location:** 1131 Mission Street, SF, CA 94103

2nd Saturday Event: May 13 | 1-4 pm

Exhibition Dates: May 9-22, 2023

Gallery Hours: Wednesday-Saturday | 2-6 pm

Or by appointment

Root Division is thrilled to present ***New Growth: Seeds of Joy***, our annual Youth Art Exhibition & Extravaganza. *New Growth* showcases student artwork created throughout Root Division's free after-school Youth Education Program. We partner with a collective of youth-centered organizations to present dynamic live performances alongside hands-on all-ages art making activities. This year's theme, *Seeds of Joy*, draws on the wisdom of the natural world to celebrate the immense creative potential and power of our students. Seeds are agents of change and represent the beauty that springs forth. Through their creativity and resilience, our students blossom into artists and changemakers.

New Growth: Seeds of Joy will include interactive artist-led creative stations and spirited live music performances by SF Rock Project and the Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble of San Francisco.

Root Division Partner Programs: Root Division Artist Instructors:

Academy of Thought and Industry
 Bessie Carmichael Elementary
 Bryant Elementary
 Buena Vista Child Care
 Filipino Education Center
 John O’Connell High School
 Mission Education Center
 Sanchez Elementary

Nicki Aquino
Filipinx Teaching Artist Fellow

Charlotte Beck
Studio Artist

Aik Brown
Studio Artist

Alexis Javellana-Hill
Blau-Gold Studio Teaching Fellow

Elizabeth Jiménez Montelongo
Artist-in-Action Studio Fellow

Valeria Olguín
Latinx Teaching Artist Fellow

Maya Salcido White
Latinx Teaching Artist Fellow

Benny Siam
Youth Education Coordinator

New Growth 2023 Performers:



ABOUT ROOT DIVISION’S YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Root Division’s Youth Education Program recruits, trains, and places artists to teach free art classes at one of our eight partner sites—creating a link between practicing artists and each school’s community. We provide free art classes to over 1,000 underserved students in grades K-12 each year. Studio Artists volunteer one hour per week and choose the types of projects and media they are interested in teaching, acting as "artists-in-residence" for a semester at the partner site. Root Division assists the artists in formulating effective, age-appropriate lesson plans and project-based learning curricula while offering them guidance in working with youth. As a result, artists gain valuable experience teaching within the community, and young students are able to interact with adult mentors in the art-making process. All of Root Division’s partner programs serve a diverse group of students, most of which attend San Francisco Unified School District schools.

ABOUT ROOT DIVISION

Root Division is a visual arts non-profit in San Francisco that connects creativity and community through a dynamic ecosystem of arts education, exhibitions, and studios. Root Division’s mission is to empower artists, foster community service, inspire youth, and enrich the Bay Area through engagement in the visual arts. The organization is a launching pad for artists, a stepping-stone for educators and students, and a bridge for the general public to become involved in the arts.

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