

ROOT DIVISION PRESENTS: *New Growth 2024: Collective Futures*



Image: Installation, *New Growth 2023*

Root Division's Annual Arts Education Celebration

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

2nd Saturday Event: May 11 | 4-6 pm

Exhibition Dates: May 6-24, 2024

[RSVP](#)

Gallery Hours: Wednesday-Friday | 2-6 pm

Or Saturdays by appointment

Root Division is thrilled to present ***New Growth: Collective Futures***, our annual Arts Education Celebration. *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. Piloted in Fall 2003, we are celebrating 20 years of our Youth Education Program and providing free arts education to local youth. This year's theme, *Collective Futures*, focuses on how the program has developed over the years and how we can envision a Collective Future together.

New Growth: Collective Futures will include interactive artist-led Creative Stations and spirited live music performances!

Root Division Partner Programs: Root Division Artist Instructors:

Bessie Carmichael Elementary
Bryant Elementary
Buena Vista Child Care
Filipino Education Center
Larkin Street Youth Services
Mission Education Center
Sanchez Elementary

Josie Licavoli
Filipinx Teaching Artist Fellow

Cynthia Marisol
Studio Artist

Laura Diggs
Studio Artist

Victoria Cheng
Blau-Gold Studio Teaching Fellow

Carolina Cuevas
Artist-in-Action Studio Fellow

Valeria Olguín
Latinx Teaching Artist Fellow

Maya Salcido White
Latinx Teaching Artist Fellow

Lyn Patterson
Bay Area Black Artist Studio Fellow

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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