

## **Barnes West: Everyday Places Artist Partnerships 2022**

### Nikki Brake-Silla: Unlocking Your Inner Playwright

April 18, June 13, August 15 on Zoom

May 16, July 11, September 12 at the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships  
3509 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
<https://drexel.edu/dornsifecenter/>

6-7:30pm E.T.

Nikki Brake-Silla will offer playwriting classes and workshops for the general public. In-person sessions will take place at the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships, and virtual sessions will take place over Zoom. These playwriting workshops reflect on questions of gender, feminism, and heteronormativity, and complement a production of Brake-Silla's in June about the same themes.

Register at <https://unlockplaywright.eventbrite.com>

### Shanina Dionna: Expressive Arts Healing Sessions

June 1 & June 8, 2-3:30pm at Malcolm X Park

Malcolm X Park

5100 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143

<https://www.friendsofmalcolmxpark.org/>

June 15, 2-5pm at Urban Art Gallery

Urban Art Gallery

262 S 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139

<https://www.urban-artgallery.com/>

Shanina Dionna will lead expressive healing arts sessions at Malcolm X Park and at Urban Art Gallery on the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street corridor. Participants will create artistic work that reflects on their relationship to the self, healing, and mental wellness. Sessions will open and close with a meditation practice and feature fine art and movement.

Register at: <https://artshealing.eventbrite.com>

### Yidan Zeng: Community Quilt & Fabric Dying

May 28, June 11, and July 23 from 2-5pm at University Square Complex

University Square Complex

3901 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

July 9, 11am-2pm at Sankofa Community Farm

Sankofa Community Farm at Bartram's Garden

3000 S 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143

<https://www.bartramsgarden.org/farm/>

Yidan Zeng will lead community quilting and dyeing sessions at University Square Complex, with collaboration from Sankofa Community Farm and Golden Dragon restaurant. Zeng will facilitate hand-dyeing sessions of fabric swatches from food scraps, working with participants to design and create their patches for a community quilt. Conversations will focus on how we build positive relationships with our neighbors, with an explicit invitation for historical tensions between Black and AAPI communities to inform the work at University Square Complex.

Register at: <https://cooking4color.eventbrite.com>

Anssumane Silla: African Dance Class with Live Drumming & Singing

June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, and August 14<sup>th</sup> at Clark Park

Clark Park

4300-4398 Baltimore Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19104

<https://www.friendsofclarkpark.org/>

3-4:30pm

Anssumane Silla will offer free, public drumming & dancing sessions in Clark Park during the summer months in 2022. Drumming & dancing sessions will emphasize the ways in which music and movement have a positive impact on our mental health and wellness, hope, and healing.

Register at: <https://africandanceatclarkpark.eventbrite.com>

Gigi McGraw: CommuniTree Archival Project

July 30<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm

August 13, August 27, September 10, September 24 from 1-4pm

September 30, 3-6pm

All sessions at New Africa Center

Gigi McGraw will create a community archival piece with New Africa Center's network, building a papier-mache tree (the CommuniTree) with participants that they will decorate with leaves that respond to questions about gentrification, history, and community. The piece will be accompanied by a gallery of archival photographs and neighborhood photographs and filmed interviews with participants.

New Africa Center

4243 Lancaster Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19104

<http://www.newafricacenter.com/>

Jaime Wiesner and Joanna Booth: Screen-Printing for Youth

May through August at Mantua Civic Association (dates TBC)

The only project specifically geared towards youth participants, creative partners Jaime Wiesner and Joanna Booth will work with Mantua Civic Association youth to create a community quilt reflecting on the themes of caring for community. The quilt will be made up of cloth panels, decorated and printed on

by youth participants. Printing blocks will be constructed by youth participants out of found objects and materials.

Mantua Civic Association  
3729 Melon Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
<https://www.mantuacivic.org/>