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**South Fulton Institute 2023 Partner Announcement**

**ATLANTA, GA:** South Fulton Institute is pleased to announce **Create: Partner Program 2023:** a one-year partnership program producing art projects envisioned by artists and organizations. Twenty-Eight selected projects operating within South Fulton and representing artistic excellence in film, theatre, dance, photography, and music will partner with the South Fulton Institute to present new and exciting projects and events that benefit the cultural and artistic landscape of South Fulton County.

By expanding the Create: Partner Program in 2021 and moving from a closed-network application to an open application structure, SFI has increased the diversity and engagement of individuals, schools, and nonprofit organizations in this year's program. "SFI is honored to support and acknowledge these 28 artists, organizations, and schools as creative partners," said **Jennifer Bauer Lyons, SFI Executive Director**. "As an organization that supports arts & arts education we are excited to partner on projects that engage teaching artists or artists that connects the community to learn about different cultures. Our goal is to increase access to high-quality, free programming for South Fulton and Metro Atlanta residents and communities."

In addition to facilitating vital connections between artists, organizations, and schools, SFI offers pro-bono consulting and mentors to address the individual needs of Create Program Partners and provides critical resources and tools such as fundraising, marketing, program design, communication strategy, and financial management resources to the local emerging artist. "The support of SFI in making this documentary allowed me an opportunity to work with filmmakers in my community and the space to document a Black woman artist with resources and intention." said Ebony Blanding, 2022 SFI Filmer filmmaker.

The Create Partner Program application process is open to any individual and nonprofit organization with an arts-related project that can connect to the South Fulton County Region. Applicants are not required to be South Fulton residents, but projects must enhance the art community in the South Fulton County region. The open application, reviewed annually, finds its most successful applications significantly impact the South Fulton County cities of

Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, City of South Fulton, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Palmetto, and Union City.

### **2023 SFI Individual Artist and Partner Organizations**

1. Joseph Stewart - Art Educator and Content Creator
2. Lassana Kouyote will be launching a West African Folklore program teaching us about the cultural aspects of west African culture.
3. Chatt Hills Art Gallery - new program by bringing in teaching artists for painting classes
4. Atlanta Music Project - 2023 Summer Youth Concert Series
5. Challenge The Stats - Concert highlighting Latin American classical music.
6. Art In The Paint - Basketball Court mural in SoFu
7. Miriam Robinson - Visual Artist "The Light Within Exhibit"
8. Atlanta Quilt Festival - Supporting the 2023 Atlanta Quilt Festival
9. Aysha Pennerman
10. Arts Xchange - Performing Art, Music, Literary Program
11. National Black Arts Festival
12. Reentry Arts Connection
13. City of South Fulton Red Oak Arts Festival
14. City of East Point Public Art Event
15. Parklane Elementary School
16. Palmetto Elementary School
17. Chatt Hills Charter School
18. Bear Creek Middle School
19. Sandtown Middle School
20. Ethan Payne, Filmmaker
21. Dr. Arshley Emile, Filmmaker
22. Ebony Blanding, Filmmaker
23. Kristain Melom, Filmmaker
24. Will Feagins, Filmmaker
25. Grady Hospital
26. Fairburn Youth Center
27. Fulton County Juvenile Court
28. StoryMuse

Since 2005, the Institute's mission and vision has successfully generated and fostered strategic partnerships with a goal to increase access to high-quality, free programming for South Fulton and Metro Atlanta residents and communities. This project is supported in part by the generosity of the ICU Fund, the National Endowment for the Arts, and Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriation of the Georgia General Assembly. Georgia Council for the Arts also receives support from its partner agency—the National Endowment for the Arts. Major funding for this organization is provided by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

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## About South Fulton Institute

The South Fulton Institute is a regional catalyst for the intersection of the arts with education and the environment that enriches lives and communities. To learn more about the South Fulton Institute, visit [South Fulton Institute](#)

