JORDAN SCHNITZER MUSEUM OF ART

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: HEAR MY VOICE

Welcome

TO TODAY'S COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Role of the JSMA in supporting these programs and alignment with JSMA Mission and Education Dept philosophy

4th Year in a row, an annual program for UO students

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Icebreakers
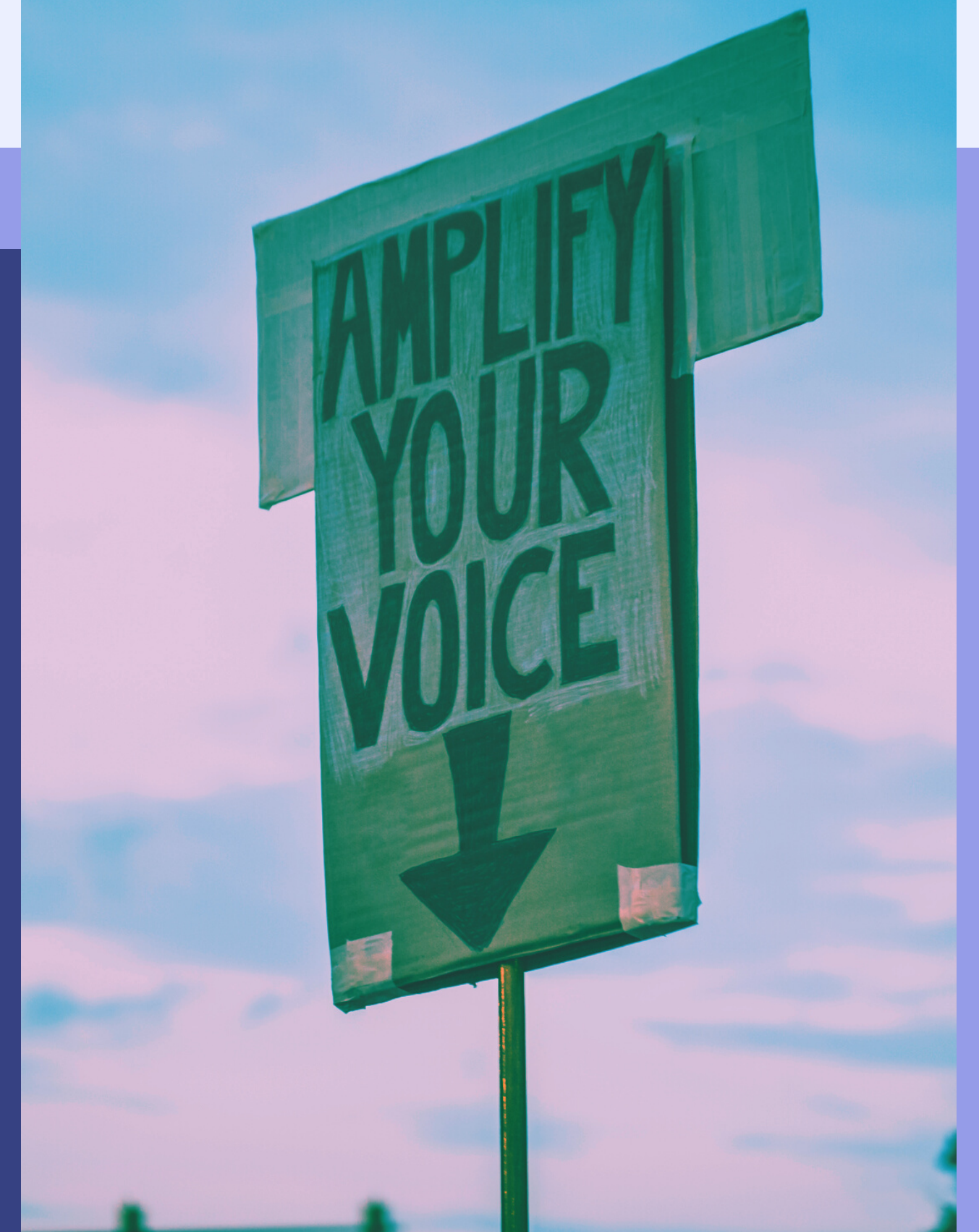
Name

Pronouns

Year

Major

Today's Question: What would the title of your autobiography be?

Exhibit Overview

AN ART SHOWCASE LIKE NO OTHER

Four years ago, the JSMA's Education department created an annual program to engage UO students in conversations about race, identity, representation, and misrepresentation. The goal was to provide students with a space to create art and engage in dialogue about their experiences and fears as they navigate their lives as young adults. The projects begin with a conversation, then integrating art production and writing as part of the process before the program culminates in an exhibition.

This year's project, Hear My Voice, was led and curated by UO art students **Kayla Lockwood (2022, ATCH BFA), Sam Berry (2023, PD BFA), and Malik Lovette (2024, M.Arch)**. The exhibition documents multiple community conversations with UO students, primarily students of color, and documents their experiences surrounding stereotyping with digital Spectrogram prints of their voices. The project team focused on empowering and representing each participants' authentic view of their identity with the critical and reflective dispositions that accompany their personal development.

In Search of the Truth

HANK WILLIS THOMAS

In Search of the Truth (The Truth Booth) is an installation comprised of a touring, portable, inflatable 'Truth Booth' that embarked on a US Tour in 2016. The exterior is iconically shaped like a giant cartoon speech bubble with the word 'TRUTH' boldly printed on the side. The interior acts much like a photo booth but serves to compile 2-minute long video responses from the public. Once seated inside people are invited to record their opinions and thoughts as they finish the statement: "The truth is…".

Throughout this long-term project, the video footage is compiled and edited into a video artwork. To expand and engage with audiences, the movements of The Truth Booth and sample responses are tracked, edited, and categorized on a website. Ultimately, the goal of this project is to try to capture as many definitions, confessions, and thoughts on The Truth as possible, creating a diverse 'portrait' of people across the globe.

I think it's a very crucial time where we need to hear from the public and less about the public.

Hank Willis Thomas

Hear My Voice: Core Themes

Amplifying Student Voices

Students share their stories to a broader audience

Hearing Student Voices

Audience learns more about each student's life beyond the classroom

Vocal Empowerment

IS THE ABILITY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF THE WAY YOU WANT TO IN ANY CONTEXT.

Physical Voice

Social/Emotional Voice

Civic Voice

Self-Identity

Self-identity is an important topic to discuss as we define identity as the naturally occurring qualities that make us who we are as individuals.

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THE PERSONAL: Sketch symbols and icons that exemplify **YOUR** identity

Human Library

It's important for communities to challenge stereotypes, prejudices, assumptions, and biases through non-confrontational dialogue within a positive framework that fosters empathy and brings awareness of implicit biases.

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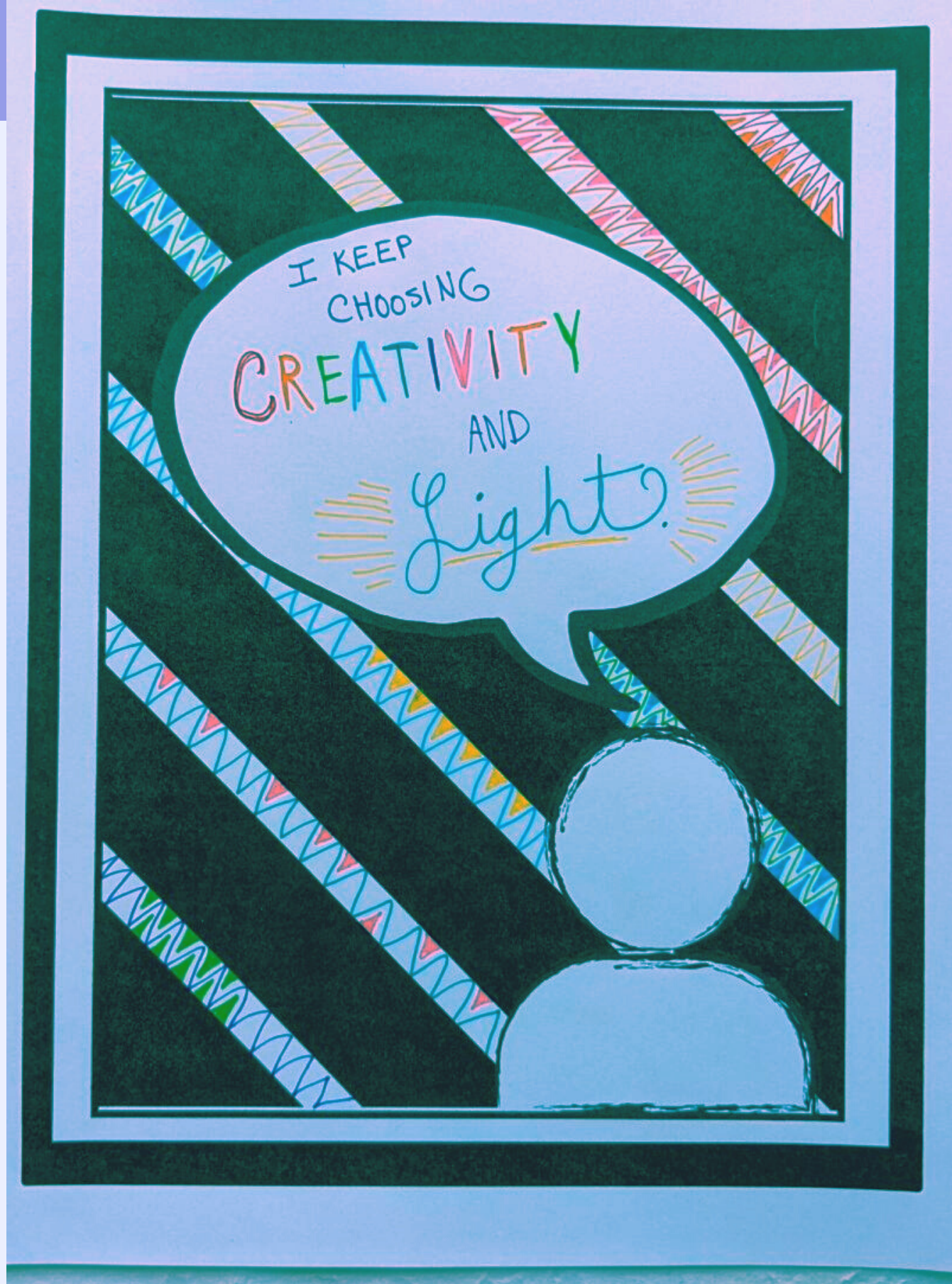
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IDENTITY: Why do you align yourself with this label? What's the relationship between your name and identity?

6-Word Memoirs

Create a personal affirmation or value statement in six words

REMEMBER: Be creative with your personalized memoir by creating a decorative background, drawing your icons/symbols, customize your silhouette

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