

Drawn Up

April 28 - May 26, 2018

291 Church Street, NYC

Opening Reception:
Friday, April 27, 6-8 pm

Featuring Work By:

Safaa Ali
Aaliyah Alfred
Jose Alvarez
Raven Anderson
Dylan Aristide, Sejgi Fezo, Carmen Lee, Jonathan Lin, Qi Ling Huan, and Tiffany Watson
Malik Braswell
Kimberly Rios Bravo
Caralyza Carter
Erica Cisneros
Samiya Huntt Davis
Miguel Gonzalez
Elsa Guzman
James Kagel
Katherine Kagel

Rayna Ledgister
Star Aja Livingston
Jason Maldonado
Spencer Miller
Ariadys Morillo
Christine Owusu-ampaw
Raisa Ratri
Dandara Rimbaud
Sarah Rodbell
Qing Qing Ruan
Hayley Sanchez
Yaileen Vivar Santos
Tiffany Watson
Jessica Ye
Min Zu



Christine Owusu-ampaw, *Hidden Puzzles*, 2017

Recognizing the critical role of arts education in the development of creativity across subjects, apexart is devoting its next exhibition to the work of New York City high school students. Assembled from arts programs across the city, the drawings, paintings, and sculptures in this show attest to the expressivity that follows from the assertion of spaces for creative learning. Following a dismal report from the New York City Comptroller in 2014 that described arts in New York City schools as “inequitable and underfunded,” the City of New York has allocated \$23 million annually to improve access to the arts in grades K-12 citywide. Measurable strides have been made in recent years, and yet despite the recent and unexpected congressional defense of the National Endowment for the Arts, which includes funds for arts education, support for the arts remains under long-term threat. With this exhibition, apexart underscores the crucial value of arts education—not just in schools across the city—but throughout the United States.

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