

The Art of City Life

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INTRODUCTION

Dear students,

Since you attend City-As-School, we thought it'd be apt to work towards a final project that centered on city-building and imaging new worlds. Together we learned about the elements of art through viewing, discussing and making our own work. We witnessed how artists such as Vincent van Gogh and Faith Ringgold envisioned landscapes and cityscapes.

Also along the way, we explored the vast online collections of both the Studio Museum in Harlem and the Museum of Modern Art. Amongst the extensive catalogs you were able to find an artwork that captivated your attention. Through the process of creating collages based on these selected artworks, you made beautiful and inspired work.

That was fun! That was hard. Making art is hard; imagining is hard. And we did both of those in our time together.

Whether I got to work with you one cycle or two, I want to say thank you.

Thank you for bringing your full selves into the work we did. Thank you for asking questions. Thank you for doing new things. Thank you for showing up.

Sincerely,

Mayele

ROSTERS

Cycle 2

Kamille Brito
Richard Geigel
Gisel Mercado
Arturo Reyes Jr
Aliza Bracero
Natalie Michaels
Olivia Connolly
Joseph Rodriguez
Justin Orellana
Christina Brown
Gabriella Brown
John Nicholas

Cycle 3

Eva Larizzati
Nia Agard
Cayetana Arboleda
Arlo St.Germain
Claire Wu
Aliza Bracero
Gisel Mercado
Yanixa David
Daniela Picazo
Janeira Lewis
Gadiel Lopez
Jamie White
Justin Orellana
Yohance Robinson
Joseph Rodriguez

Cycle 4

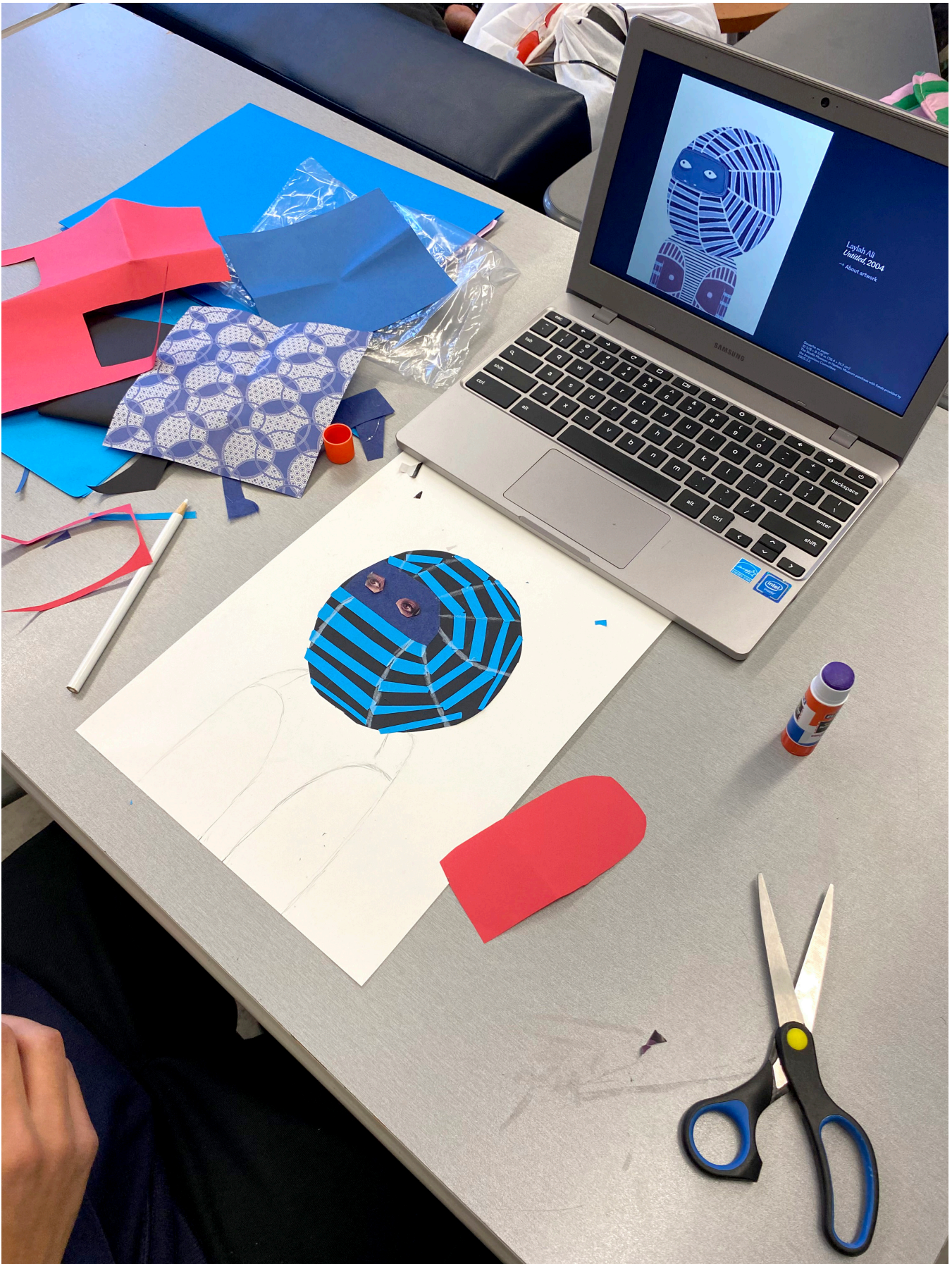
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COLLAGE PROJECT

Students were asked to select an artwork from either the Museum of Modern Art's online collection or the Studio Museum in Harlem's.



Arlo St. Germain, *inspired by The Falls II (1983) by Richard Yarde*



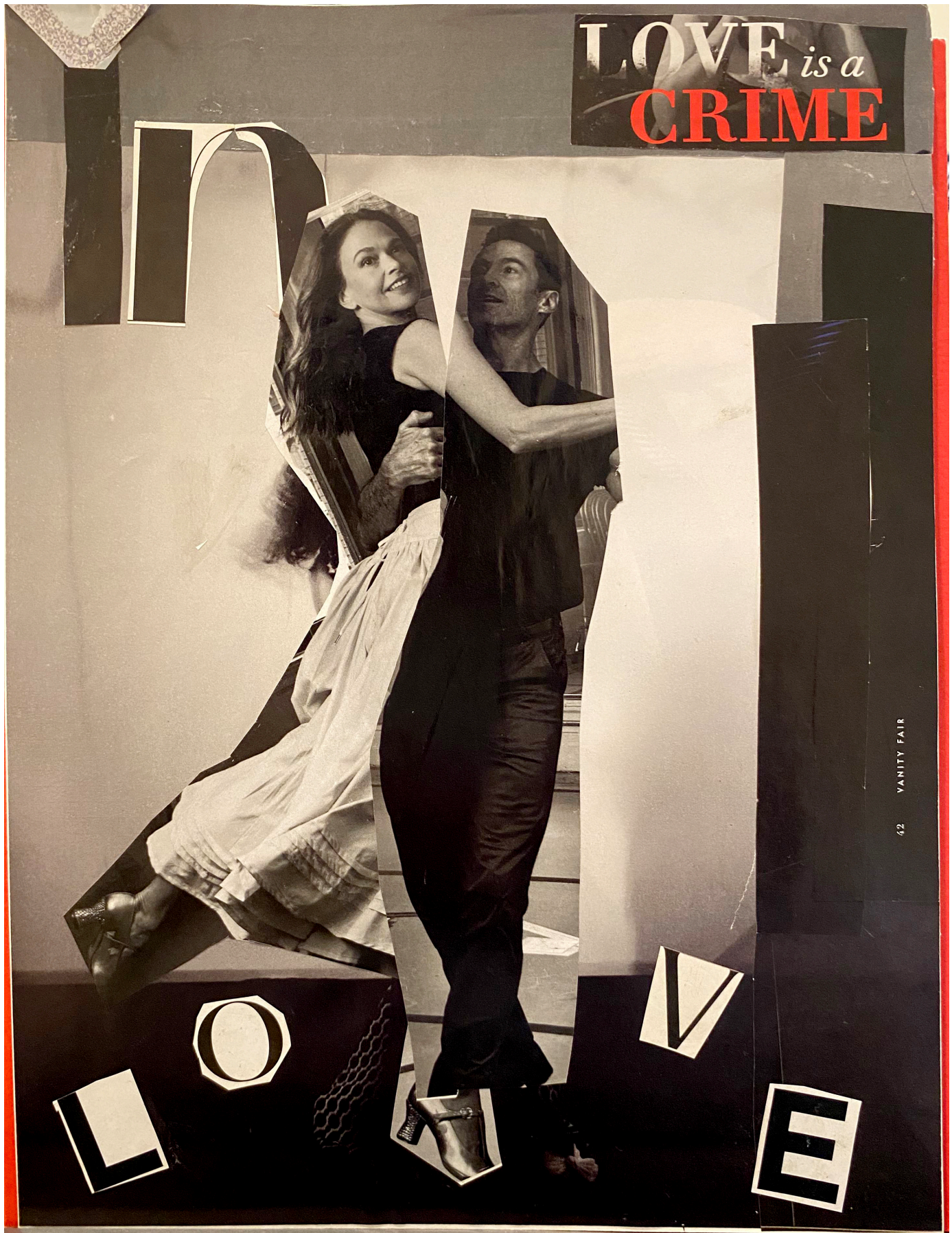
Arturo Reyes, inspired by *Untitled (2004)* by Laylah Ali



Daniela Picazo, *inspired by Untitled (1957) by Seydou Keïta*

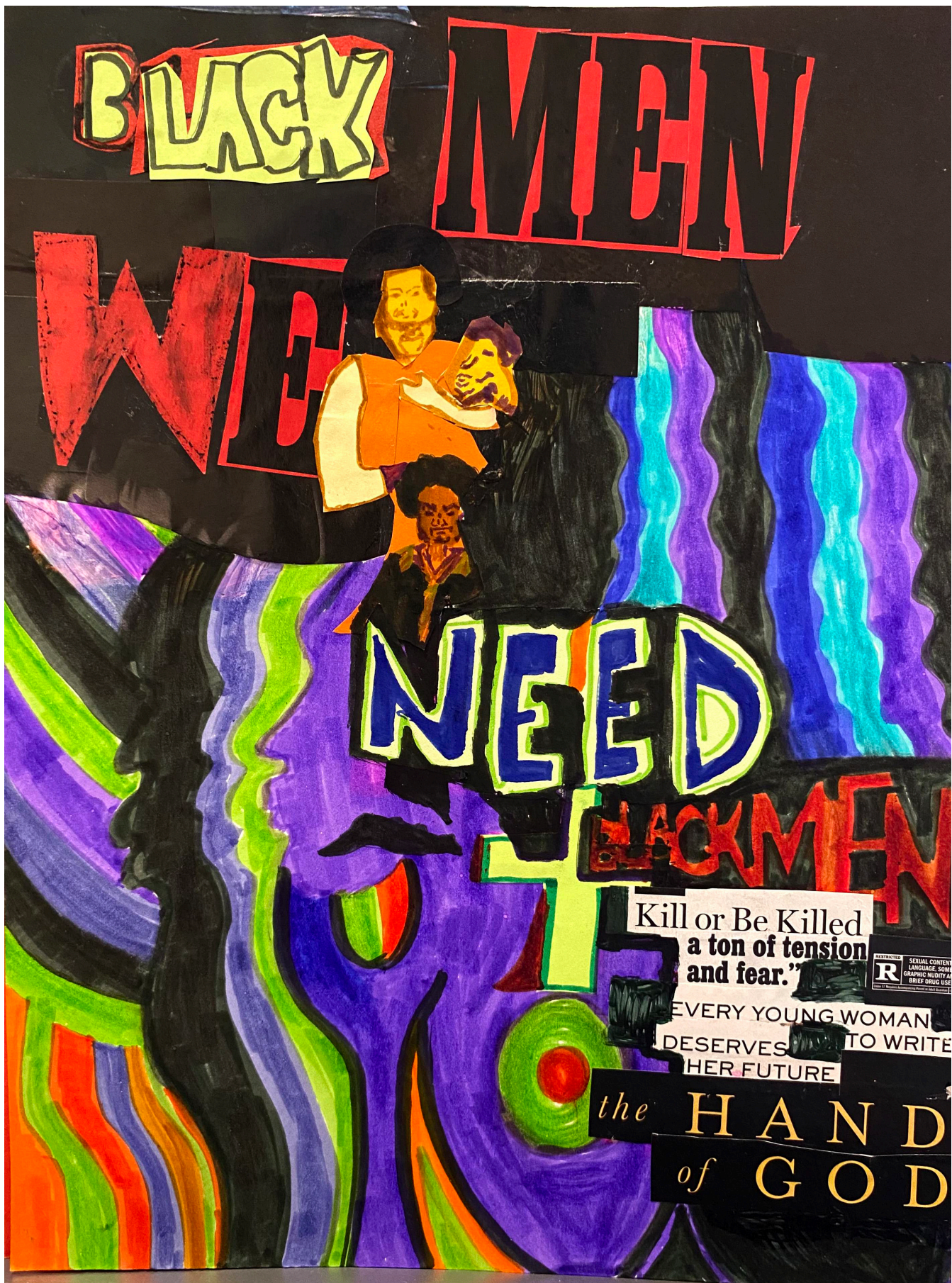


Eva Larizzati, inspired by Narcissus (1980) by Benny Andrews



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Gadiel Lopez, inspired by *Couple Dancing* (1956) by Roy DeCarava



Janiera Lewis, inspired by *Black Men We Need You* (1971) by Barbara Jones-Hogu



Natalie Michaels, inspired by 2 pm Coney Island (2010) by Lynette Yiadom-Boakye



Nia Agard, *inspired by They were very poor (1941) by Jacob Lawrence*



Yanixa David, *inspired by Bodybuilder #4 (1998) by Deborah Willis*

COMMUNITY POEMS

(Part of the Dream City Project)

Cycle 2

Our City

My dream city looks like a cubist mirror
The streets look like they've been used
For a long time

My dream city sounds busy
Lots of people, music, minimal cars
The night sky looks like a pink fading into a purple

The blue

My dream city tastes like amazing food
Huge portions
A lot of options

Cycle 4

My Dream City

My dream city sounds like laughter

The buildings look like Miami;
Tall glass and translucent
Architectural townhouses and skyscrapers

The texture of my dream city is soft

A bright place, where it is sunny with flowers

The scent of my dream city is vanilla and champagne toast
It tastes like candy.
Like chocolate covered strawberries
Like blue raspberry slushie.

My dream city sounds like birds chirping

The night sky looks dark but the sky is filled with stars

In my dream city, I feel happy, secure, safe, loved.

DREAM CITY PROJECT

The following prompts were used to inspire the Dream City Project artworks:

What does the city of your dreams look like?

What does the infrastructure look like?

What do the streets look like?

What does the sky look like at night?

What types of restaurants are down the block of this dream city?

What plants grow in the park? How do you feel in this dream city?



Arlo St. Germain



Arturo Reyes



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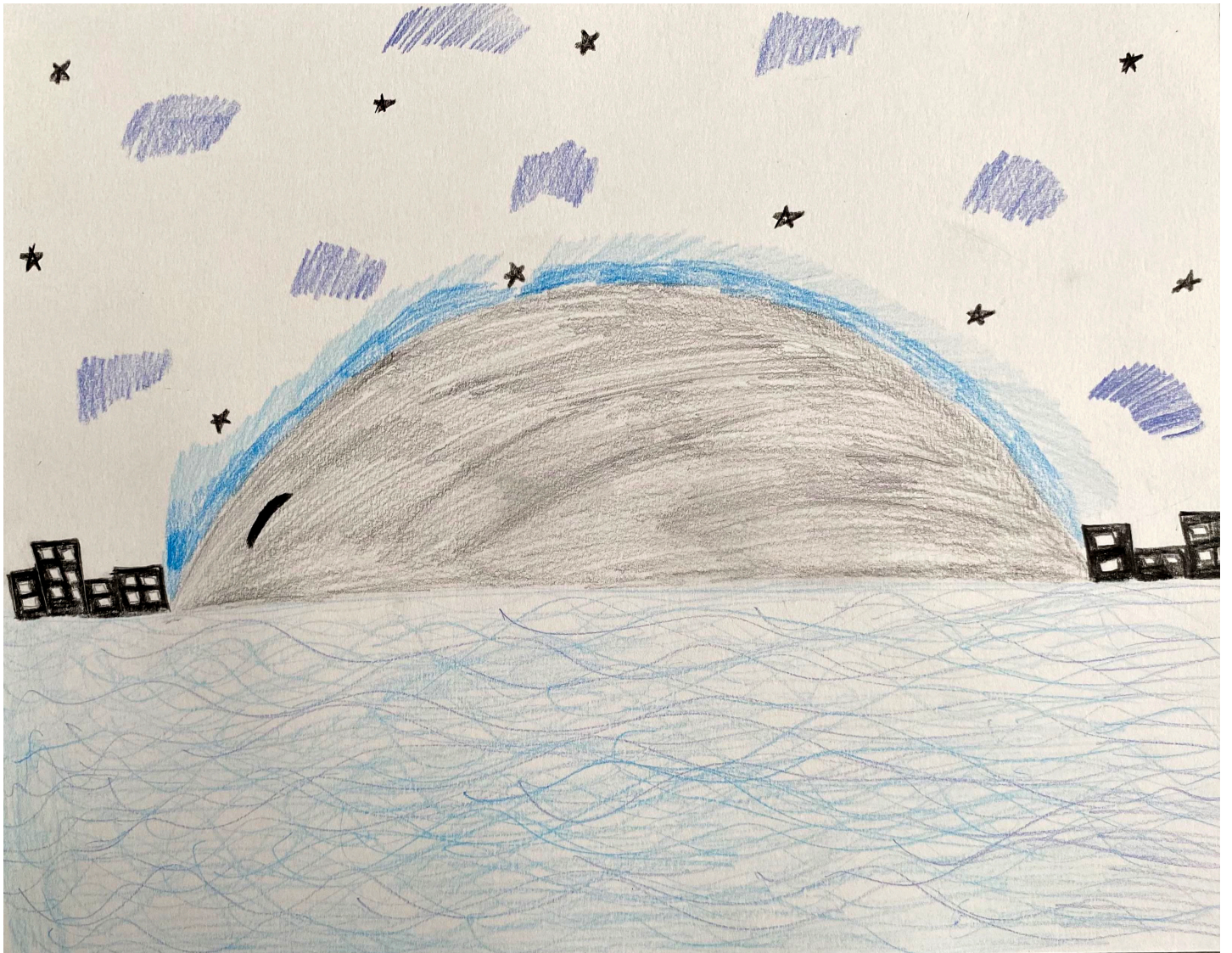
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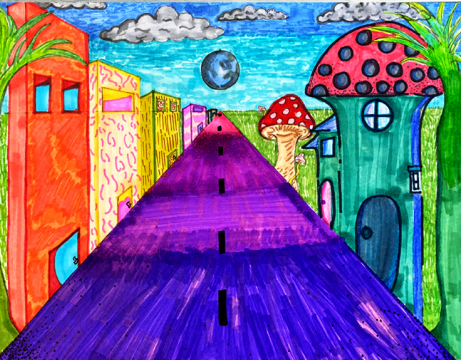
Natalie Michaels



Nia Agard



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