Prompted by our vision of inspiring people through art to look at their world in new ways, the Frist Art Museum invited teens to submit their artwork for this second edition of Teens Take the Frist! The resulting selection features more than fifty artworks in a variety of mediums, created by emerging artists from Cheatham, Davidson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson Counties.

This exhibition, along with other Frist initiatives like Teen ARTlab and the Teen Arts Action Group, is intended to give individuals ages 13–19 a safe space to express themselves and participate in activities with art professionals. With many schools shifting to online learning because of COVID-19 restrictions, art has become more important than ever as an avenue of communication and connection.

We extend special thanks to our artists and adult mentors for their guidance and enthusiasm in creating nurturing spaces for our youth to grow: Lesa Dowdy, Victoria Gedvillas, Hatch Show Print, Chelsea Kaiah, Michael Lapinski, Elisheba Israel Mrozik, Niq Tognoni, Christi Underdown-DuBois, and YEAH! Rocks.

All works appear in this exhibition courtesy of the artists.

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