

RESOURCES, COMMUNITY, OPPORTUNITIES

HYDE PARK ARTS CENTER MOVIES IN THE LOT

Our Movies in the Lot series this Summer are curated by four of our “Artist Run Chicago” exhibition spaces with support from our Artist Run Chicago Fund. We will be screening films curated by Sin Cinta Previa, Filmfront, Concerned Black Image Makers, and Nightingale Cinema! Check our website for more information about the featured films and save the dates: June 30, July 28, August 18, and September 14! See you in the lot!

KUUMBA LYNX PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE

With over 25 years of training and performance experience, Kuumba Lynx Performance Ensemble (KLPE) begins a new chapter under the direction of Leyda Lady Sol. This will run Aug 16th- Oct 8th. Contact Ladysol@kuumbalynx.com



LET THE HEART SPEAK!

We want to amplify the voices of the YCA community! If you have something to say, we'll be here to listen!

[Click here](#) to submit your poem to be featured.



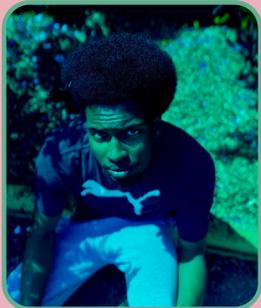
ALIEN

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I am an alien
I'ma misfit
Misunderstood
Stood my flippers proudly on earth
and screeched
I don't speak English
I speak spoken word poetry
My tongue may be twisted
But I'm soft spoken
My Vocabulary is awoken
I got telekinesis and pens for hands
I bend my back straight
Use my pens to pull out my staff
And I
Boom
Boom
Clap
On my home planet Thunder strikes
Across pink clouds
white glitter Drizzling
Shimmering in greatness
Onto my green scaly Eyes
black gooey slimes of waves
Bursting into human minds
Your Confusion is just so amusing
Admit you like my
crown filled with sonnets
Asserting my Dominance
To you my home planet is ominous
But my bars are bottomless
Your gonna wanna hear
my Stream of consciousness
When out come my words dripping from
my concrete water fountain of intelligence
I'll glow Like a star
in my moonlight darkness
When I devour your basic words
I'll swish swish savor it up
spit back lyrics and odes
Sticking my saliva to yours fixing your diction
Because what you speak is fiction
When my knowledge
opens up your wide human eyes
You'll realize I speak the truth through
My spoken word poetry
I'm not ashamed
my poetry is better than my English
My alphabet is not a b c
it is metaphors and similes
I am a powerhouse to people's hearts
I start fires in peoples spirits
I'm the queen that sparks revelations
that need to be listened to
I need to be heard
and you need to hear me
So Bring me my space ships
E er er
I'm taking over the universe

NEW MUSIC. NEW MUSIC. NEW MUSIC. NEW MUSIC



"I'M DECENT" | Jabari Zakee



"Angel!" | Ridgio ft. RayisRay



"Colors!" | The Third