



A DAY OF PERSPECTIVE

HCAH

The Houston Coalition Against Hate is a network of community-based organizations, institutions and leaders in Houston that have come together to collectively address incidents of bias, hate, discrimination and violence against Houstonians because of their religion, race/ethnicity, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, and immigration status.

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HCAH in collaboration with University of Houston (Graduate College of Social Work) has invited Patrisse Marie Cullors, Social Activist, Best-selling Author of *When They Call You A Terrorist* & Co-Creator of the Viral Twitter Hashtag and Movement, #BlackLivesMatter to Houston. Creating a day, September 27, 2019 around this speaking engagement where we would also showcase/exhibit the artwork of socially relevant/conscious Houston artists like: Patrick McGrath Muniz, Kay Sarver, David McGee, (just to name a few). HCAH and UH would also facilitate a panel discussion with the artists earlier in the day, followed by keynote speaker, Q & A , book signing and reception.

MISSION

To provide the city of Houston and its surrounding areas a day of activities via exhibits, panels and speakers around the themes of social justice infused by the arts. It is part of the HCAH mission to have the arts inform conversations within the community around the education, prevention, and intervention of hate and bias.



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GOALS

To break barriers and stigma around the BLM movement or any efforts advocating for the rights of systemically oppressed intersections of society through exposure and facilitated conversation.

To showcase/highlight the beauty/power of artists in making social statements with their work, in particular through the visual medium of painting, and to experience how that informs and provokes thought, action and understanding.

To teach the community ways to be engaged in activism in order to advocate for themselves and others.

VENUE/DATE/TIME

09/25-09/26 – HCAH/ADL IN SCHOOL READ ALOUDS

09/27 – DAY OF EVENTS

12:00 – 2:00pm – Artist Installation of Exhibit/Display

2:00 – 4:00 pm – Artist Panel Discussion – Student Center (SC) Theater

6:00 – 7:30 pm – Keynote – SC Theater

7:30 – 8:30 pm – Reception – Out front of the SC Theater with Art installation (Cocktail tables and lite bites)

**The SC Theater has capacity of 435. Should we exceed capacity there is the option of moving to Cullen Performance Hall with capacity of 2500.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Patrisse Cullors

Best-selling author of *When They Call You a Terrorist* Patrisse Cullors added to her impressive resume of social activism in response to social injustices, when she started the Twitter hashtag #BlackLivesMatter, introducing the banner under which this generation’s civil rights movement marches and prompting activism nationwide. An established community leader and performance artist, Cullors raises awareness to issues—specifically law enforcement accountability—through a unique blend of activism and politically expressive theater. A queer black woman, Cullors delivers perspective on the adversities inflicted by social injustice and discrimination and discusses her commitment to being the voice for those who can’t be heard, educating and inspiring audiences to organize and stand together to transform society into a world where the lives and contributions of all individuals are recognized equally.

IN SCHOOL READ ALOUDS

HCAH in collaboration with ADL/*No Place For Hate* will be co-sponsoring in school read alouds connected to *A Day of Perspective*. Two days before the event, HCAH member organizations will visit the classrooms of grades K-5 in schools designated as *No Place for Hate* schools. There are about 30 school sites in the *No Place for Hate* network.

The book *One*, by Kathryn Otoshi has been the selected reading. Please see links below for more information about the book-



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<https://www.amazon.com/One-Kathryn-Otoshi/dp/0972394648>

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=one+kathryn+otoshi&&view=detail&mid=EB221D19766D3A019B7EEB221D19766D3A019B7E&&FORM=VDRVRV>

Susan Shaw, ADL's *No Place for Hate* Director and Kristi Rangel, HCAH member and Public Health Education Chief from the City of Houston's Bureau of Youth and Adolescent Health will create a read aloud format with questions and hands-on activity for grades K-2 and 3-5. Each reader will have a book and an activity kit when they visit their classroom. It will take between 45 minutes to an hour to complete a reading. HCAH will cover the associated costs for the books and the items needed for the classroom activity. The lesson and cost per read aloud activity kit will be finalized by the end of May. We will also gift the book to the classroom, which will have a special HCAH label inside. The hands-on activity may be creating some form of art using the colors featured in the book.

We are asking/encouraging coalition members to sign-up to be reader/facilitators. You would then select a school from the list and begin the process to become a Volunteer In School for the district the selected school is located in. Trainings will be offered in August to the reader/facilitators that will take them through various classroom scenarios and facilitation practices.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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