

# Arts + Public Life



Installation view, *Dawoud Bey: Portraits from Chicago (1993-2001)*, at Arts + Public Life, 2021.

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As a neighborhood platform for arts and culture in Washington Park, [Arts + Public Life](#) provides residencies for Black and Brown artists and creative entrepreneurs, arts education for youth, and artist-led programming and exhibitions.

## Plan your visit

Visits to the Arts Incubator are by timed reservation. [Learn more about special hours and make a reservation to visit.](#)

## **Dawoud Bey: Portraits from Chicago (1993–2001)**

**May 21–August 28, 2021**

Arts + Public Life opens *Toward Common Cause* with an exhibition of works by Chicago-based Dawoud Bey, who has photographed South Side youth across decades of artistic practice. In the 1990s, he invited them into his studio, seated them against single-hued studio walls, and fragmented their faces across multiple 20 x 24-inch Polaroids. In the early 2000s, he took street photographs of South Side youth as he came across them on sidewalks and steps. As a whole, these portraits make visible a group who are not fully recognized by society, activating the sitters' inner worlds for viewers to contemplate.

**Make a reservation to visit Arts + Public Life**

## Other initiatives

### **CHOP IT UP: Black Wall Street Journey**

**June 9, July 8, and August 12**

Arts + Public Life is also hosting a three part conversation about the Black economy in conjunction with Rick Lowe's *Toward Common Cause* project, Black Wall Street Journey.

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**Related Artists**

[Dawoud Bey](#)

[Rick Lowe](#)

**Related Events**

[CHOP IT UP: Black Wall Street Journey](#)

June 9, 2021 5:30-7:00pm

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July 8, 2021 5:30-7:00pm

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August 12, 2021 5:30-7:00pm

[Summer Teacher Institute](#)

August 16-20, 10:00am-4:00pm