

BLACKSPACE FALL 2022 WOKESHOPS + EVENTS

WOKESHOP: My Face in My Eye - [CLICK TO SIGN UP](#)

MEDIUM: Dance, Movement, Photography, Film, Storytelling

LOCATION: Northstar Church of the Arts [220 W Geer St. Durham]

****(Nov. 8th & Nov. 15th classes will be held at People's Solidarity Hub: 1805 Chapel Hill Rd Durham, NC)*

DATES: Tuesday nights: October 18 — November 22 (final presentation TBD)

TIME: 6:30PM-9:00PM

COST: FREE

MENTOR: jumatatu m. poe ([click to read bio](#))

STATUS: OPEN — CAP at 14 students

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Black and Brown people of African descent ages 16+ | this WokeShop will affirm queer and trans people

CONTACT: Blackspace Executive Director Kevin “Rowdy” Rowsey: kjrowsey@gmail.com

Blackspace Mentor: jumatatu m. poe: jumatatu@jumatatu.org

DESCRIPTION: **My Face in My Eye** – the architecture of the selfie:

- invitation
- affirmation
- vulnerability
- ego
- eroticism
- megalomania
- power

In deep reflection on the possibilities of presentation and representation available in the architecture of the selfie, this WokeShop invites you to reflect upon your big ol’ self in all of its possible sizes. Choreographer and video maker jumatatu m. poe will facilitate a 6-week series of WokeShops that focus on:

- your moving body within the frame of the camera — utilizing the tech of the camera phone
- directing a narrative through your manipulation of the camera/frame — you will be both the camera person AND the performer for the camera, working at times solo and at times in small groups
- focus — sculpting your invitation to witnesses into observing what you think is most crucial, where the gravity of your narrative is located, how you need and want to be framed

We will explore the selfie as a way to reflect upon how we control our own narratives, and also how they can be out of our control. How do we shape ourselves with clear intention knowing both control and lack of control are a part of our narrative journeys?

WOKESHOP: The Mis-Education of Afronauts: Breaking Down Self Love and Community Through Lauryn Hill and bell books -

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MEDIUM: Poetry, Spoken Word

LOCATION: Blackspace [212 W Main St. Durham Suite 103]

DATES: Monday nights: October 17 — November 14 (final presentation TBD)

TIME: 6:00PM-8:00PM

COST: FREE

MENTOR: Lauren Bullock and Lani ([click to read bio](#))

STATUS: OPEN — CAP at 14 students

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Black and Brown youth of African descent

CONTACT: Blackspace Executive Director Kevin “Rowdy” Rowsey: kjrowsey@gmail.com

Blackspace Mentor Lauren Bullock: GoLaurenBullock@gmail.com

Blackspace Mentor Lani: alrouse00@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION: Join Lauren and Lani for a poetry WokeShop that takes wordsmiths on a journey of self exploration and self reflection. This workshop will explore themes in hip hop, black feminism and black literature through the works of bell hooks and Lauryn Hill.

WOKESHOP: Podcast & Video Production - [CLICK TO SIGN UP](#)

MEDIUM: Podcast, Video Production, Storytelling

LOCATION: Blackspace [212 W Main St. Durham Suite 103]

DATES: Thursday nights: October 20 — December 15 (final presentation TBD)

TIME: 6:30PM-8:30PM

COST: FREE

MENTOR: kynita and AJ ([click to read bio](#))

STATUS: OPEN — CAP at 2 students

WHO IS THIS FOR?: We would prefer to work with Black & Brown youth who identify as gender variant, and the most important qualification is that each individual have an interest in podcasts, audio, visual production and editing.

CONTACT: Blackspace Executive Director Kevin “Rowdy” Rowsey: kjrowsey@gmail.com

Blackspace Mentor kynita: atinyk@gmail.com

Blackspace Mentor AJ: ankurepresents@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION: This WokeShop will be an intensive 8-10 week experience, learning how to record and produce a podcast about the Black LGBTQ experience in the South. Afronauts will focus on the experience of gender variant folx in the South, exploring current events, relationships, fashion and surviving the holiday season.

WOKESHOP: Music Production - [CLICK TO SIGN UP](#)

MEDIUM: Music Production, Beat Making

LOCATION(S): Blackspace [212 W Main St. Durham Suite 103]

DATES: Thursdays: October 20th – Thursday December 15th

TIME: 6:30PM – 8:30PM

COST: FREE

MENTOR: Zack “Zone” Woodard and Kevin “Rowdy” Rowsey ([click to read bio](#))

STATUS: OPEN

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Black and Brown youth of African descent

CONTACT: Blackspace Executive Director Kevin “Rowdy” Rowsey: kjrowsey@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION: Music Production is a journey into the world of beat making, recording and mixing.

WOKESHOP: Med City Cypher [Monthly]

MEDIUM: Hip-Hop, Freestyling, Beats, VJing

LOCATION: CCB Plaza [201 Corcoran St. Durham]

DATES: Every 3rd Friday: 10/21, 11/18, 12/16 (unless it's raining or below freezing)

TIME: 9:19PM - 11:00PM

COST: FREE

MENTOR: Kevin "Rowdy" Rowsey

STATUS: OPEN/WALK-IN

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

CONTACT: Blackspace Executive Director Kevin "Rowdy" Rowsey: kjrowsey@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION: Every 3rd Friday at 9:19PM Durham youth gather in downtown Durham at the bronze bull statue to rap, sing, make beats, and create community together — we call it the Cypher. Youth are challenged to improvise and think on their toes, to build self-confidence and empathy. It's group therapy through Hip Hop! Elements of Hip Hop have roots in ancient African traditions. We've effectively traded one African drum for another: the djembe (an African drum made of goat skin, stretched out over a wooden frame) for an MPC (plastic pads connected to circuits and a motherboard), producing electronic drums that resonate positive vibrations out into the streets. Hip Hop was born in the Bronx, New York, at a time where many Black and Latinx youth were slipping through the cracks of the social safety net. Arts programs were being eliminated from schools, and youth were left with few alternatives, so they took their creative energies to the streets. Durham is at a similar crossroads, with underfunded schools, and historic disinvestment in the Black and Latinx communities. Meanwhile, as downtown Durham has expanded rapidly with restaurants, hotels, festivals, and bars, youth and people of color are feeling marginalized, and pushed out. The Cypher provides safe space for kids to occupy the heart of our city every week, to speak their truth unapologetically, affirm self-esteem, and help the creative fires inside each of them radiate. In doing so, they transform, not only themselves, but the City of Durham as well.

BLACKSPACE DURHAM EVENTS:

EVENT: Hip-Hop & Spirituality Feat. Brother Ali

LOCATION: Northstar Church of the Arts [220 W Geer St. Durham]

DATE: Monday, October 10th

TIME: 6PM-8PM

COST: FREE

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

DESCRIPTION: Join Blackspace on October 10th for an event with legendary Hip Hop artist Brother Ali. We'll be diving deep in a community based music production WokeShop lead by Blackspace's newly formulated record label OnlyUS. This amazing music production workshop and round house lecture on the intersection of Hip Hop and Spirituality will take place at Northstar Church of the Arts. Students, facilitators, and artists will be welcomed to participate and converse with Brother Ali, as we create music and community together. Brought to you by Duke Performing Arts.

CONTACT: Blackspace Executive Director Kevin "Rowdy" Rowsey: kjrowsey@gmail.com

EVENT: Wonder Bop [Monthly]

LOCATION: Boxyard RTP [900 Park Offices Dr, Research Triangle, NC 27709]

DATES: 1st Saturdays

TIME: 5PM-8PM

COST: FREE

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

DESCRIPTION: It's the first Saturday at Boxyard, and that means it's time for Wonderbop! This monthly event is designed to get RTP turned up and inspired with live music, DJing, spoken word, and more. This collaboration between Blackspace and Only Us Media will feature talented artists and youth from the area – so be sure to join us the first Saturday of each month as we throw down with music, beats, and dancing. We are looking for local high school and college-aged students to perform at these monthly Wonderbop events. Interested in being a part of this crew? Apply here:

<https://boxyard.rtp.org/events/wonderbop/>

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